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The tower of tears

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Introduction

The beginning

When the war between Israel and Gaza in 2023/4 broke out, I was working on my mission base in Ghana. I held a four-session prayer time over a month for this war. About 10 people joined me online and 35 on catchup. As the prayer times began, I became aware that something unusual was happening during them and especially at the last one. During that prayer time the Lord told us that he was going to stand in the middle of the conflict area and asked which of us would stand with him. **“We need a tower of intercession,” I said. “Who will occupy it with the Lord?”** As so often in intercession I did not know what I was really asking for. Some of the group said they would stand in the tower.

During the subsequent weeks the Lord began to show me that a tower of intercession was a very strong spiritual presence, and that the tower in the Middle East would last until he returned. I asked him if there were any other such towers, and quickly he showed me many. Each one had a specific name reflecting its function. Here is the Argentina tower.

Chapter 1: The women

This is what got my attention.

On the afternoon of 30th April 1977, 14 courageous women set aside all their fears and worries and left their homes to confront the Dictatorship which had stolen their children.

That day marked the first weekly march in the Plaza de Mayo by the mothers of Argentina's "disappeared" against the military commanders who had planned the systematic murder of thousands of their sons, daughters and husbands. They marched and marched and marched. Mothers are not easily beaten, and they were not beaten.

Four decades and 2,037 marches later, the mothers are still marching, though some of them must now use wheelchairs. The mothers' white headscarves became a symbol of courage and their hard struggle for justice. They have largely succeeded in their original aims. By 2016, more than 1,000 of the dictatorship's torturers and killers had been tried and 700 sentenced.

The mothers of Argentina cried. It took a long time, but their tears were not wasted. Things can be changed - impossible things - when intercessors pray and act.

The intercessors in this tower are going to have to learn how to offer tears to the Lord for what is around the tower. This is a very high price to pay but also a source of great joy. **They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.** (Psalm 126:5)

Look to the cross

How do intercessors learn to weep then? They have to look to the cross. There they see love. There they see the price paid - the value the Lord placed on Argentina. From that understanding intercessors cry tears of love and ask the Lord to love Argentina again. This is very costly, but the intercessors are crying love for a Nation, and that is a price the intercessors have to pay.

Chapter 2: Rooms of the tower

In her book “The interior castle” Theresa of Avila speaks of a series of rooms intercessors have to pass through. Here are the rooms for Argentinian intercessors. Each one prepares the intercessors for the intercession they have to offer from the top of the tower.

Hannah’s room

Hannah was a very troubled woman. Her great sadness was that she could not have children. This broke her heart every day. When a woman wants a child, nothing else will do, and as the days slipped past with no child, the burden became very heavy.

Hannah’s story

Once when they had finished eating and drinking in Shiloh, Hannah stood up. Now Eli the priest was sitting on his chair by the doorpost of the Lord’s house. In her deep anguish Hannah prayed to the Lord, weeping bitterly.

And she made a vow, saying, “Lord Almighty, if you will only look on your servant’s misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the Lord for all the days of his life, and no razor will ever be used on his head.”

As she kept on praying to the Lord, Eli observed her mouth. Hannah was praying in her heart, and her lips were moving but her voice was not heard. Eli thought she was drunk and said to her, “How long are you going to stay drunk? Put away your wine.”

“Not so, my lord,” Hannah replied, “I am a woman who is deeply troubled. I have not been drinking wine or beer; I was pouring out my soul to the Lord. Do not take your servant for a wicked woman; I have been praying here out of my great anguish and grief.” Eli answered, “Go in peace, and may the God of Israel grant you what you have asked of him.” She said, “May your servant find favour in your eyes.” Then she went her way and ate something, and her face was no longer downcast.

(1 Samuel 1:1-18)

“I am a woman who is deeply troubled.”

Hannah’s tears poured out from her broken heart. Those who want to cry tears for a nation often do so from a personal tragedy. A broken heart seems to give intercessors entry into a spring, a river, an ocean of tears – tears which they can use to cry for themselves, but also for a lost nation.

Many women have never realised this truth. They are carrying broken hearts without realising that this is the very heart which can most powerfully reach out to God’s broken heart and serve it.

It took me a long time to work this out. I cried and cried for my lost son – I still do. But slowly I realised that these tears could also be shed for others, and for nations. I began to offer them to God, and I found it much easier to understand his broken heart and how to reach it. It became broken heart to broken heart.

“I was pouring out my soul to the Lord.”

Tears from a broken heart poured out of Hannah. Many of the mothers of Argentina had similar heartaches. Like Hannah, from these women cried tears for the hurt for Argentina - broken-heart tears. Jesus understands these tears very well. His heart was broken and so is open to broken-heart tears. He shows this in Gethsemane -

“Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, “Sit here while I go over there and pray.” He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then he said to them, “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me.”

(Matthew 26:36-38)

He withdrew about a stone’s throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed, “Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done.” An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground.”

(Luke 22:41-44)

His broken-heart tears were so intense that they looked like drops of blood. They hurt so much that an angel had to come to support him. When the intercessors cry for Argentina, he understands from deep within his heart.

Here is my vision -

In heaven, the Lord was bearing his cross for Argentina and it was an almost unbearable suffering. Every kind of destruction had been laid on him. His nature was torn and broken, just as roads are torn up by a machine and the rocks crushed and thrown away.

The Lord is looking for tears to flow to the foot of the cross and move his heart for the land.

A “Broken heart tears” prayer

“From deep within my broken heart, tears are flowing - for my loss and for yours Lord. They burn me deep inside, cutting into my heart like broken glass. But your heart is also breaking for the pain of Argentina – burning deep within you and cutting your heart like broken glass. I see your tears flowing and I see mine also. I am willing to let you take my tears and mix them with yours, so that together we can cry for Argentina.”

The room of tears of love

Tears from the broken heart are easy to understand and so are tears of love flowing from a thankful heart - thankful for all the Lord has done.

The woman's story

When one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. A woman in that town who lived a sinful life learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, so she came there with an alabaster jar of perfume. As she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them.

(Luke 7:36-38)

Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little." Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." The other guests began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

(44-50)

A sinful woman

This woman was probably a prostitute and would not have been welcome in Simon's house.

She let down her hair. Respectable women did not do this, but the prostitutes did. So she was not hiding her way of life. What was urging her to do this? Her tears said it all. She loved the Lord for who he was and her heart for him showed itself in her tears of love. What had he done for her? Simple - he did not reject her but allowed her to serve him with her tears.

Tears of love

She cried out of love. Her tears were tears of love, offered to the Lord because he loved and valued her. And they worked. Simon judged her, but the Lord did the opposite –

“Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown.”

Argentina needs these tears from the intercessors. Tears of love which will move the Lord to forgive and restore.

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The room of deeply moved tears

Here is the Bible story which will open this room.

Soon afterward, Jesus went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went along with him. As he approached the town gate, a dead person was being carried out—the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the town was with her. When the Lord saw her, his heart went out to her and he said, “Don’t cry.”

The heart of Jesus was moved by this sad situation. “**His heart went out to her.**” Jesus was deeply moved by her grief. It touched his heart and he acted. If intercessors in this tower grieve over the damage to Argentina, grieve as Mothers who have lost their children, then these tears will touch and move God’s heart, and he will act. The intercessors will have to move to very deep level to understand these tears. Here is a vision of what is happened to another nation and this is the level to which the intercessors must try and reach.

“The child was tied with cords of anger. His voice was silenced. No longer did praise rise up from him. Death whispered - “I have you now. Never again will you be free of fear.” The demons swept in, tormenting, mocking, destroying. “You will worship us now,” they screamed. “We own you now.” The child no longer cried out, and no tears fell. Hope died.”

This is a very hard picture, but the potential loss of a nation is a very hard experience. The intercessors have to enter into this sorrow and then the heart of the Lord will be moved. I wrote these words once as I reflected on these tears. They might help.

There is a dark corner deep in my heart ever hurting and ever pouring sorrow. This sorrow rises up, stronger every day. It tries to drown all my hope. I am desperate. Then I hear a quiet voice, insistent and loving. It says, “You can give it to me.” I want to. “Help me.” “It’s O.K.” he says. “The tears can heal.”

The room of joy

You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands.
(Isaiah 55:12)

As I prepared this material I became aware that within all the heart-breaking tears there must be an inner core of joy. It is the joy and the sense of it in the heart which enables the intercessors to use the gift of tears. I tried to think of a way of capturing this joy and then I remembered this story. I think it works.

“Bed time!” Ruth watched her daughter playing in the garden, sunlight flashing in her golden hair, and not for the first time she realised how lucky she was. “Bed time,” she called again. Why was it, she thought, that at bed time so many children appeared to be deaf!

However, finally her child recognised the inevitable and began the long trek to bed. As she cleaned her teeth she called out “Mummy, don’t forget I want a Bible story tonight.”

Ruth tucked her daughter into bed. There she lay, teddy bear under her arm and golden hair flowing across her pillow, bright eyes sparkling. Ruth opened her Bible and read story of the Shepherds and the angels from the birth story of Jesus.

When she finished, a little voice spoke up from under the Duvet. “Mummy, what is the glory of the Lord?” “Well,” she said, “Jesus is so beautiful..” “Like me Mummy?” “Yes darling, like you. Sometimes Jesus is so beautiful, that we do not know what to say.” “Like a rainbow mummy, or a sunset?” “Yes, just like that. We don’t have the right words, so we call it his glory.” It didn’t seem like much of an explanation, but it was the best she could do.

She went downstairs. Suddenly she heard her daughter crying out - “Mummy come quick!” She ran up the stairs, hearing the urgency of the call and wondering what could have happened. Rushing into her room she asked - “Darling, what is the matter?” Pointing to the window, the child said “Mummy - look! The glory of the Lord!” The evening sun was just setting and the blazing fiery evening light was pouring into the room flooding everything with golden glow – so bright it was almost touchable. It was an awesome sight.

Her adult mind wanted to say “It’s the sunset,” but in her heart she knew it was more than just the sun. The room was filled, was radiant with the glory of the Lord. At that moment joy filled her heart. The joy of a beloved daughter, the joy of the sunset and the joy of the Lord. She knew that she would never be the same again. The joy of the Lord had become her strength.

The top of the tower

Unlike many of the other towers, on the top of this one the intercessors stand and offer the gift of tears for Argentina in all its needs and hopes. Can this achieve anything? I once had this vision.

In heaven, Argentina stood before the Lord. All heaven knelt in prayer, pleading for Argentina to be healed. “Is there any hope?” the angels asked. “Hearts are softening,” the Lord replied. “But will they bear your pain?” The Lord cried the tears he had been shedding from the foundation of the world for Argentina. “Maybe,” he replied.

Are we prepared to pour our tears into the Lord’s heart for Argentina? Are we prepared like the mothers of the Plaza de Mayo to spend decades washing Argentina with tears that the Lord might be moved? At the top of the tower intercessors will find this covenant. Who will sign it?

The Covenant of tears

In a silent and private place I will stand my watch. I will suffer and bear the burden which the Lord lays on me. I will do this until I die, with no expectation of reward except of knowing that I am following Jesus into Gethsemane and to Calvary, where I will hang with him. I will never surrender.

I will cry from the depths of my heart before the Lord for Argentina. I will expect no reward, except knowing that my tears, so precious to me, will be even more precious to him.

I promise to do this for the rest of my life, until I see Argentina restored.

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- Video 3.** HOW TO INTERCEDE IN THE TOWERS
- Video 4.** LOOKING INTO A TOWER - ENGLAND
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Jim Smith writes - “I have been an Anglican Pastor in the UK for over 55 years, and involved in intercession for over 40 of those. and I serve also as a missionary in Ghana. Recently I have been learning about towers of intercession - special places in the world where intense intercession is needed.”



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