

Women of Faith's Sheila Walsh Says Church Has Forgotten the Power They Have

Christianity could revolutionize the cultural landscape if each of us were to take five minutes with Jesus each day, author and speaker Sheila Walsh says.

Believers often get caught up in the headlines—from the Islamic State to the Supreme Court to the end times—that they forget the power of prayer. And when they do pray, Walsh says, Christians have a “give, give, give” attitude above the “let my life be a gift for you.”

To counteract this, the former *700 Club* host and current speaker in the Women of Faith line-up is challenging believers to take five minutes to spend with Jesus. That's it—five minutes.

Walsh's ultimate goal is to motivate women, in particular, to the power of prayer. How often do Christians determine prayer as a last-ditch effort rather than the first, primary weapon? More often than we should.

“There is no force in the world greater than when women pray,” Walsh says. “... When God's girls get a picture of powerful prayer, they join together and things shift.”

Culture would be revolutionized for the kingdom if each of us stopped blabbing about the negatives and focused, instead, on God's forgiveness.

“The real gift of forgiveness sets you free,” Walsh says. “It's God's gift to us to live in a world that's not fair. Forgiveness is huge because the enemy has nothing in his arsenal to fight forgiveness. You choose to forgive to silence

the enemy.”

But frequently, women forego time with their Creator because they put their eyes on their families, work, errands and “Me-time.”

The enemy is using those time challenges to create strongholds on earth. By neglecting her prayer life, a woman puts herself in a position to fall victim to lies.

“We’re all incredibly busy and there are so many demands on our time,” Walsh says. “We live in world that’s really shifting as we see a rise of evil in unprecedented ways. Many feel it’s not long before Christ returns again, and my passion is to help women be strong until then, to stand in the midst of what’s true.”

Christians have the power to transform the world with their prayers. Walsh says.

The key to opening the heavens and seeing the power of the Holy Spirit is for Christians to live their lives according to Romans 12. In the words of Paul, to be living sacrifices.

Or in the words of Walsh: “‘I’m taking time to offer to You. I pray my life will bless You.’ We want God to bless us, but we should pray to bless Him.”

Then, and only then, will we see our world change for God.