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a bird's eye tour of Paul's letter to the Romans

Romans 1. 1-17

why it's good news (vv.1-7)

- **a promise** (v.2)
 - *"promised beforehand"* – God's trademark
 - *"through His prophets"* – God's servants
 - *"in the Holy Scriptures"* – God's book
- **a Person** (vv.3-4)
 - His humanity
 - His authority
 - His centrality
- **a people** (vv.5-7)
 - from the plurality of the nations
 - under the lordship of Jesus
 - into the family of God

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how it affects us (vv.8-17)

- **thankful** (vv.8-10)
 - prayer

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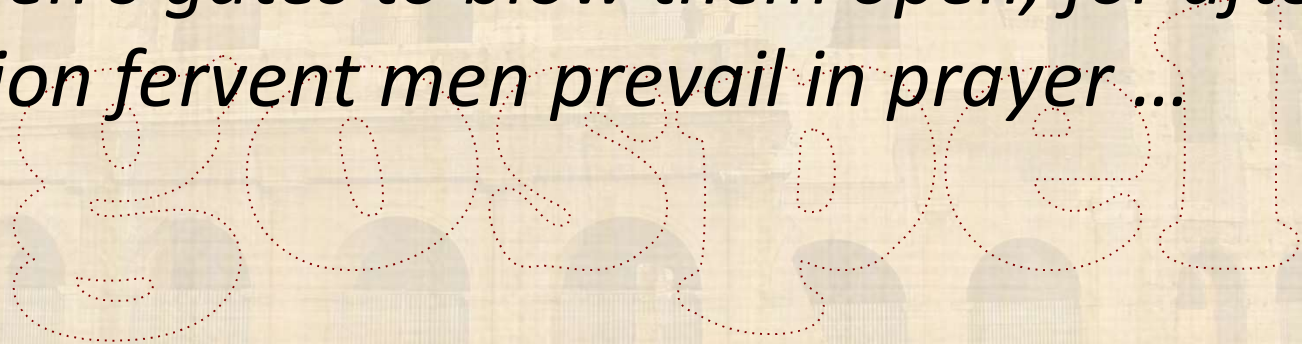
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.. there must be prayer, much prayer, constant prayer, vehement prayer, the kind of prayer which will not take a denial, like Luther's prayer, which he called the bombarding of heaven; that is to say, the planting a cannon at heaven's gates to blow them open, for after this fashion fervent men prevail in prayer ...



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“.. ‘The kingdom of heaven suffereth violence,
and the violent take it by force.’

May we offer such violent, God-constraining,
heaven-compelling prayers, and the Lord will not
permit us to seek His face in vain! .. ”

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how it affects us (vv.8-17)

- **thankful** (vv.8-10)
 - prayer
 - preaching
- **eager** (vv.10-15)
 - the blessings of mutual ministry
 - the prospect of future fruitfulness
 - the expression of enduring indebtedness
- **thrilled** (vv.16-17)

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