

# Jim Cymbala

## Quotes

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Persistent calling upon the name of the Lord breaks through every stronghold of the devil, for nothing is impossible with God. For Christians in these troubled times there is simply no other way.

~Jim Cymbala

No matter what I preach or what we claim to believe in our heads, the future will depend upon our times of prayer.

~Jim Cymbala

I discovered an astonishing truth: God is attracted to weakness. He cannot resist those who humbly and honestly admit how desperately they need him.

~Jim Cymbala

He (God) is not looking for smart people, because He is the smart one. All he wants are people simple enough to trust him.

~Jim Cymbala

Anything, and I mean anything, becomes a blessing if it drives us to prayer.

~Jim Cymbala

By not forgiving, by not letting wrongs go, we aren't getting back at anyone. We are merely punishing ourselves by barricading our own hearts.

~Jim Cymbala

The birth of the church was during a prayer meeting, not preaching, not singing, but prayer.

~Jim Cymbala

God is more powerful than anybody's past, no matter how wretched. He can make us forget - not by erasing the memory but by taking the sting and paralyzing effect out of it

~Jim Cymbala

Your future and mine are determined by this one thing: seeking after the Lord.

~Jim Cymbala

What does it say about our churches today that God birthed the church in a prayer meeting, and prayer meetings today are almost extinct?

~Jim Cymbala

Prayer begets Revival, which begets more prayer.

~Jim Cymbala

The main thing that God asks for is our attention.

~Jim Cymbala

Trouble is one of God's great servants because it reminds us how much we continually need the Lord.

~Jim Cymbala

To be a Christian, you can't go with the flow. You have to go by the Word of God.

~Jim Cymbala

The reason "other churches" don't grow: "Jim, the truth is, I couldn't have a real prayer meeting in my church. I'd be embarrassed at the smallness of the crowd..."

~Jim Cymbala

I despair at the thought that my life might slip by without God showing Himself mighty in my life.

~Jim Cymbala

The devil is not terribly frightened of our human efforts and credentials.

But he knows his kingdom will be damaged when we begin to lift up our hearts to God.

~Jim Cymbala

Jesus called fishermen, not graduates of rabbinical schools. The main requirement was to be natural and sincere.

~Jim Cymbala

I have seen God do more in people's lives during ten minutes of real prayer than in ten of my sermons.

~Jim Cymbala

The apostles had this instinct: When in trouble, pray. When intimidated, pray. When challenged, pray. When persecuted, pray!

~Jim Cymbala

Faith never denies reality but leaves room for God to grant a new reality.

~Jim Cymbala

Doesn't the God who created the universe out of nothing and put all the stars in place, have the power to take care of your situation?

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People who have a seeking heart still make mistakes. But their reaction to rebuke and correction shows the condition of that heart. It determines what God is able to do with them in the future.

~Jim Cymbala

The fact that we were created to enjoy God and to worship him forever

is etched upon our souls

~Jim Cymbala

Every time we open the Bible, let's stop and pray, whether for fifteen seconds or fifteen minutes, asking the Spirit to teach us. When I read the Bible, I want God to talk to my soul.

~Jim Cymbala

In too many churches today, people don't see manifestations of God's power in answer to fervent praying. Instead, they hear arguments about theological issues that few people care about.

~Jim Cymbala

The Bible does not say we should aim at numbers but rather urges us faithfully to proclaim God's message in the boldness of the Holy Spirit. This will build God's church God's way.

~Jim Cymbala

Oh, how we need to wake up to the fact that the Holy Spirit's blessing and power is the key to everything.

~Jim Cymbala

When we sincerely turn to God, we will find that His church always moves forward, not backward

~Jim Cymbala

It may not seem obvious at first glance, but the way we make decisions in life tells a lot about the kind of faith we have in Jesus Christ.

~Jim Cymbala

The old saying is true: If you have only the Word, you dry up. If you have only the Spirit, you blow up. But if you have both, you grow up.

~Jim Cymbala

It's not about being a Baptist, Presbyterian, Pentecostal, or 5-Point Calvinist. God has only one family and, as Christians, we're in it!

~Jim Cymbala

When we see only what we want to see in the Bible, it loses all power to transform us.

~Jim Cymbala

O God, split the heavens and come down! Manifest yourself somehow. Do what only you can do.

~Jim Cymbala

The more we pray, the more we sense our need to pray. And the more we sense a need to pray, the more we want to pray.

~Jim Cymbala

I knew God wanted to do much more...and he would, if we provided good soil in which he could work.

~Jim Cymbala

We need to realize that the promises that overflow our Bibles will overflow into our own lives only as we appropriate them through prayer.

~Jim Cymbala

The work of God can only be carried on by the power of God. The church is a spiritual organism fighting spiritual battles: only spiritual power can make it perform as God ordained.

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