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*in High Point, NC. We couldn't have  
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#### *Recap: Atlanta*

Thanks to a partnership with The JOY FM in Atlanta, GA, we were able to help connect their audience to our reminders and creative opportunities to support their pastors! Many listeners responded with touching stories of their pastors, but we ultimately selected

Pastor Mike Merritt and his son, Chad, to join us for a fun filled day of refreshment and appreciation at the Atlanta Motor Speedway! Pastor Mike is currently battling cancer and needs our prayers. Please take a moment to pray for him and his family right now.



## CALL TO ACTION

Easy ways **YOU** can impact your pastor's life.

This month's Call?

**Take time to pray for and with your pastor.**



"The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective." James 5:16

YOUR prayer is a game changer. The simplest most effective gift you can give your pastor is your sincere prayer. Take this one step and pray **FOR** and **WITH** your pastor! Ask your pastor what his or her needs are, then take the time to pray with them specifically for those needs.

***Elders and Lay Leaders...***we have a SPECIAL Call for you! Now is a good time to start thinking about giving your pastor some time off. Not just a few days, but how about a month, or two, or three? A family sabbatical might be long overdue and could breathe new life and vision in his life and throughout your church! A sabbatical will show your pastor that he or she has the congregation's support and that the church is concerned for the health of his family. It will allow your pastor to refocus and bring new energy to the pulpit.

*Try it! Send an email to [info@energizeministries.com](mailto:info@energizeministries.com) with testimony of your pastor's response and how these small actions made BOTH of you feel.*

Here are some other ways to help out your pastor this month...

- Initiate a church-wide "Pray For Your Pastor(s)" time.
- Give your pastor and his or her spouse a spa day.
- Set up a spring cleaning day around their home.
- A gift card for a car wash or detailing would always be welcome!



One of the guys in this picture is a pastor. The others are longtime friends treating him to a great dinner and a guys' night out! Andy had a chance to witness this special time and wondered if anyone else could pick out who the pastor was? It's hard to say right? That's because your pastors are regular guys, and they need genuine friendships just like you.

Does your pastor have deep friendships like this?

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***WinterJAM Contest...time is running out!***



Your pastor works hard! He probably needs a night out with his wife. Give them an unforgettable date night including *early entry, backstage passes, and front row seats to the world's largest Christian music tour*, featuring Building 429, Jeremy Camp, Francesca Battistelli, and MORE!

*To enter your pastor for this one-of-a-kind experience:*

1. FOLLOW Energize Ministries on Facebook
2. TAG us in a post about why your pastor should win!

*Thanks to our friends at WinterJAM, this contest is open to all 2015 events.*

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## Praying For Pastors

*"Yet those who wait for the Lord will gain new strength; They will mount up with wings like eagles. They will run and not get tired. They will walk and not become weary."*

Isaiah 40:31

A pastor's life is one unending series of events. Sermon preparation, leading Bible studies, hospital visits, meetings with leaders and committees, providing counsel to distressed members, and a thousand other tasks fill his week. On top of this, Sunday comes every seven days.

If your pastor is not careful, he can become burdened down with all the ministry events he must oversee. The average pastor works 55-75 hours a week. He needs the supernatural empowering of the Lord. If he is not careful, he can run on empty from one event to the next.

Therefore, your pastor must stop and wait on the Lord. When you wait on the Lord, you are looking to Him for your strength, direction, and wisdom. This verse promises new strength, energy, and power for those who wait on the Lord.

You rarely see an eagle flapping and struggling to fly. The eagle has learned to catch the wind in his wings and rise on its power. As your pastor waits on the Lord, he too can rise and soar on the limitless power of God.

As you pray for your pastor today, pray he stops and waits on the Lord. Ask God to remind him that the only way he can accomplish all the Lord has given him to do, is to wait on the strength that comes only from God.

*Sample Prayer: "Father, I pray You will help my pastor to stop and wait on You. I pray that he will not depend on his own strength, but will wait for Your power to fill his wings and lift him up. Help him to ride on Your strength and power today."*

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