ASKING FOR GOD'S HELP

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Song Story.

A sad song story, to me... Written alone with God at a church altar at 6:30 A.M., and then the music written at the sanctuary piano by 7:15....

The weekly prayer time for this church of 250 members (120 regular attendees in two services) had been at 6 A.M., just minutes earlier.

Only 2 other persons showed up: 2 leaders "above me", so I didn't lead prayers. Usual attendance was just one more person... 2 more at most... out of the 120.

The church was in the midst of <u>many</u> meetings about changing the worship times... very <u>emotionally charged</u> meetings with many "private" discussions outside church.

YET: As usual, none of the prayers were about that or other intense issues,

- not seeking wisdom,
- not seeking protection for Satan's attempts to divide the church,
- not seeking God's help in stopping all the gossip going around,
- not seeking God's help for soothing all the bitterness that was building up,
- not praying for church teachers, or worship leaders, or the pastor & wife,
- not praying to reach people outside the church,
- not praying for ideas on how to reach more children & youth......

Only prayers were, quote, "for the preschool, and for our government".

And my prayers, going down my written list, for each of my high school & college age Sunday School students.... for which once again I'd gotten the comment before we started prayers at 6:00, of "You're going to pray your list again?"

That's a quote from my journal, written on knees at the altar, after a prayer time that ended at 6:08 A.M..... eight minutes after it began with 1% of the church members coming together to seek help from the LORD of All Creation – and of our church.

As I wrote these final lines in my journal there at the altar, the words of this song came to me immediately.... and the music moments later.... A SAD song to me.... but an important one:

God helps those who humbly ASK Him for help.

True for individual people.... for churches...

God expects us to set aside pride

& expectation in our own skills & knowledge. NO: God does NOT

"help those who help themselves." God helps those who

DEPEND HUMBLY ON MIGHTY GOD.