



Prayer...

Session 2:

The Power of Prayer

INTRODUCTION:

The promise of Jesus: Mark 11:24 *“Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have already received it, and it will be yours.”*

KEY COMPONENTS OF THE PRAYER OF FAITH:

1. THERE IS A GOD

- *Hebrews 11:6 “And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists”*

2. GOD CAN HEAR MY PRAYERS

- *“Before a word is on my tongue, you know it completely O Lord” (Psalm 139:4).*

3. GOD CAN ANSWER MY PRAYERS

- *“Nothing is impossible for God” (Luke 1:37)*

4. GOD WANTS TO ANSWER MY PRAYERS

- *John 14:13-14 “I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.”*
- 19 times in the Gospels Jesus exhorts his followers to ASK in prayer
- IMPORTANT CONDITION: “in my name”. This means two things:
 - A. Being in a right relationship with Jesus
John 15:7 “If you remain in me, and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish and it will be given to you”
 - B. Asking in accordance with Jesus’ character and will ...
1 John 5:14 “This is the confidence we have in approaching God; that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us – whatever we ask – we know that we have what we asked of him.”

5. GOD WILL ANSWER MY PRAYERS

- *James 1:6-7, "When you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. Such a person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord"*
- *Matthew 9:29 "According to your faith will it be done to you"*
- *Matthew 21:22 "If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer"*
- *Mark 11:24 "Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have already received it, and it will be yours."*
- Jesus NEVER ONCE rebuked someone for having too much faith!

A PRACTICAL EXAMPLE: The Miracle of Dunkirk ...

A BIBLICAL EXAMPLE: Moses and the battle against the Amalekites (Exodus 17:8-13)

Paul's statement in 1 Timothy 2:8, is a direct reference to the prayer of Moses ... "I want people everywhere to pray, lifting up holy hands ..."

A PRACTICAL PRAYER TOOL:

The 5 Minute Prayer Challenge

Adoration: Praising God for who he is (Matt 6:9)

Confession: Confessing your sin and asking for forgiveness (Matt 6:12)

Thanksgiving: Thanking God for what he has done (Phil 4:6)

Supplication: - **Intercession:** Praying for others (Matt 6:10)

- **Petition:** Praying for yourself (Matt 6:11)