

PRAYER PRINCIPLES
MARK 7:31-37 / 7-8-20 / WED

I. FIRST, GET A TEAM TOGETHER WHEN YOU PRAY.

- A. The Bible does tell us in Matthew 6:6 to enter into our “prayer closet” in order to be alone with God in prayer—Matt. 6:6.
- B. However, there is also something to be said for praying in numbers—Matt. 18:19.

1. This is what happened in our story—v.32.
2. Part of the reason Jesus healed this man was because his friends or relatives asked him to.
3. Another example of this principle is found in Mark 2:5.

- C. Praying in numbers has at least two benefits.

1. First, there is strength and encouragement in numbers.
2. Second, there is wisdom in numbers.

II. SECOND, GET READY FOR GOD TO ANSWER OUR PRAYER IN HIS OWN WAY.

- A. This is the only time Jesus healed anyone in this way—v.33.

- B. Why did Jesus do it this way?

1. Some historians say that was the way healers did it in Jesus’ day.
2. Perhaps these physical gestures were Jesus’ way of telling this man what he was about to do for him, since the man couldn’t hear anything.
3. The point here for us is that God does things His way.
4. The purpose for answering our prayers is not just so our need will be met. God wants to strengthen our relationship with Him.