

## **IF MY PEOPLE WILL – I WILL**

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2Ch 7:12 And the LORD appeared to Solomon by night, and said unto him, I have heard thy prayer, and have chosen this place to myself for a house of sacrifice.

2Ch 7:13 If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people;

2Ch 7:14 If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

2Ch 7:15 Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attent unto the prayer *that is made* in this place.

2Ch 7:16 For now have I chosen and sanctified this house, that my name may be there forever: and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually.

2Ch 7:17 And as for thee, if thou wilt walk before me, as David thy father walked, and do according to all that I have commanded thee, and shalt observe my statutes and my judgments;

**2Ch 7:18** Then will I establish the throne of thy kingdom, according as I have covenanted with David thy father, saying, There shall not fail thee a man *to be* ruler in Israel.

2Ch 7:19 But if ye turn away, and forsake my statutes and my commandments, which I have set before you, and shall go and serve other gods, and worship them;

2Ch 7:20 Then will I pluck them up by the roots out of my land which I have given them; and this house, which I have sanctified for my name, will I cast out of my sight, and will make it *to be* a proverb and a byword among all nations.

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## THE EARLY CHURCH

1. The only way they existed and survived the onslaught of persecution because they knew how to pray.

Act 1:14 These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.

Act 2:42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

Act 2:43 And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.

Act 2:44 And all that believed were together, and had all things common;

**Act 12:5** Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him.

**Act 4:29** And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word, Act 4:30 By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus.

Act 4:31 And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

**Act 16:9** And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; there stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us.

Act 16:10 And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavored to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them.

## **JESUS OUR EXAMPLE**

### 1. **At Mount Transfiguration:**

Luk 9:29 And as he prayed, the fashion of his countenance was altered, and his raiment *was* white *and* glistening.

Luk 9:30 And, behold, there talked with him two men, which were Moses and Elijah:

### 2. **Jesus offered up Prayers and Supplications:**

**Heb 5:7** Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared;

Heb 5:8 Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;

Heb 5:9 And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;

### 3. **The Disciples need to be taught how to pray:**

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## **WHAT IS PRAYER?**

### 1. **Prayer is the offering up of our desires in the name of Jesus for the things that are agreeable to his will.**

2. **Oxygen of the Soul:** Prayer is as vital to our Christian walk and existence as breathing is to our physical existence.

3. **It is a two Way Communication with God:** A good relationship between a father and child requires good communication.

4. **The Deeper the desire the stronger the prayer:**

**Psa 61:1** To the chief Musician upon Neginah, *A Psalm* of David.  
Hear my cry, O God; attend unto my prayer.

**Psa 61:2** From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock *that* is higher than I.

5. **Prayer is returning to the Souls Habitat:**

**1Pe 2:25** For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.

**PRAYER BUILDS YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD**

1. Prayer is a conversation between you and God: It is a time where we speak with him, and He speaks with us. It means that we get to know God in a more intimate way and start to become more like Him because we have spent quality time with His presence.
2. Prayer unleashes the Power of God so that He is able to work on our behalf.
3. **Prayer creates Fellowship**: Relationships are build by quality time together. Prayer alone with God, helps us to understand His great love and understand toward us.
4. **Prayer renews us Spiritually**: Prayer refreshes us in the presence and glory of God: “For this cause we faint not; but through our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day ( 2 Cor. 4:16).

**EXAMPLES OF ANSWERED PRAYERS**

**Psa 34:3** O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.

**Psa 34:4** I sought the LORD, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.

**Psa 34:5** They looked unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed.

Psa 34:6 This poor man cried, and the LORD heard *him*, and saved him out of all his troubles.

1. **Formula for Your Prayers to be Answered:** (John 15:7); If you abide in Him (Jesus) + His Word abides in you + You can ask and receive.
2. **Daniel Prayed:** Three times a day, overcame a decree, lion's den and prevailed as a prophet of God.
3. **Hannah:** Prayed and prevailed and brought forth a child.
4. **Elijah:** Prevailed and overcame the prophets of Baal.
5. **Hezekiah:** Prevailed and 15 years were added to his life.
6. **Jesus:** Prevailed and overcame death, Hell and the Grave.

### **STEPS IN HELPING YOU WITH YOUR PRAYER LIFE**

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1. **Start with Worship:** (Hollowed be thy name)

Psa 18:46 The LORD liveth; and blessed *be* my rock; and let the God of my salvation be exalted.

**Psa 34:1** "...I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise *shall* continually *be* in my mouth."

Psa 34:2 My soul shall make her boast in the LORD: the humble shall hear *thereof*, and be glad.

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2. **Repentance and Forgiveness:**

Psa 66:17 I cried unto him with my mouth, and he was extolled with my tongue.

Psa 66:18 If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear *me*:

Mar 11:25 And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have aught against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.

Mar 11:26 But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.

3. **Petition:**

Psa 18:6 In my distress I called upon the LORD, and cried unto my God: he heard my voice out of his temple, and my cry came before him, *even* into his ears.

Php 4:19 But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

4. **Intercession:**

Rom 8:26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

Rom 8:27 And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what *is* the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to *the will of God*.

5. **Thanksgiving:**

Psa 116:17 I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the LORD.

Psa 116:18 I will pay my vows unto the LORD now in the presence of all his people,

1Th 5:16 Rejoice evermore.

1Th 5:17 Pray without ceasing.

1Th 5:18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

6. **Meditation:**

Psa 19:14 Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.

**Psa 1:1** Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

Psa 1:2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

Psa 1:3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

7. **Praying the Word:**

Gen 32:9 And Jacob said, O God of my father Abraham, and God of my father Isaac, the LORD which saidst unto me, Return unto thy country, and to thy kindred, and I will deal well with thee:

Gen 32:10 I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies, and of all the truth, which thou hast showed unto thy servant; for with my staff I passed over this Jordan; and now I am become two bands.

Gen 32:11 Deliver me, I pray thee, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau...”

Joh 6:63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, *they* are spirit, and *they* are life.