

Developing A Prayer Built Life (Part 2)

Mark 11:22-24

Mark 11:22-24 Have faith in God, Jesus answered. Truly I tell you, If anyone says to this mountain, Go throw yourself into the sea, and does not doubt in their heart but believes that what they say will happen, it will be done for them. Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.

Faith: is defined as a belief and trust in and loyalty to God; complete trust; fidelity to one's promises; without question.

Before we began to indulge in prayer to the Lord we must first have faith in Him our faith in Him must be so strong that we're confident that He's going to work on our behalf because we trust Him and is loyalty to Him. We should take notice there may be times when we may have faith in God which we should but at the same time are loyal to Him? Therefore loyalty says that we are faithful unto Him where we find ourselves committed to what He has called us to do and also it's when we're submissive to His will.

Teaching Point: Let us began to truly have faith in God to the extent where we are loyal to Him because I do believe this will ignite the process of our prayers being answered.

Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the assurance (the confirmation, the title deed) of the things [we] hope for, being the proof of things [we] do not see and the conviction of their reality [faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses] AMPC

According to this scripture whatever we hope for, faith says we have the title deed to what we have hoped for. In other words we must take ownership of what we hope for and faith will embrace that which we hope for and bring it into manifestation. Though our senses may not understand that which we are praying and believing God for but our spirit man is well in agreement with the Lord's work. May not understand how's He's going to pull this thing off but faith says I know He will.

Teaching Point: Faith in God can move mountains because faith enlarges the possibilities in life.

Matthew 19:26 Jesus looked at them and said, With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.

Are we speaking to our mountains today, Jesus didn't say talk about them and praying is important but He didn't say pray about it, He said to speak to it. We must understand the more you talk about your mountain the bigger it gets. It will begin to grow and grow until sometimes you are really turning a molehill into a mountain. And if you don't speak to your

mountain it will speak to you and begin to taunt you. Look at me, you can't get past me, You'll never be healthy! You'll never get out of debt. You'll never conquer that habit! It's time to speak directly to your mountain. Tell it that there's not enough room for both of us in this life and that it has to go! In Jesus Name.

Proverbs 18:21 The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit (NIV).

Teaching Point: We must focus on God's power and not the size of the mountain

Prayer is the most powerful instrument that we have at our disposal to impact change and if we are not praying for what is happening around us and for those who can make a difference we are wasting one of the most valuable resources God has here on this earth which is our prayers.

God wants us be more proactive in our prayers instead of reactive!!!

Proactive- says I'm going to engage in prayer before a tragedy or a situation arrives, and I'm going to use the weaponry that God has given me access to, and not only to keep the enemy at bay but also it will cause him to forget his strategies, and schemes and evil plans. This is truly why he doesn't want us to proactive in prayer. Proactive pray is the pray that will get in front of something; it's not the prayer that lags behind and tries to catch up. When we pray after something happens it puts us in the position of doing damage control. Praying before hand puts us in the position of being able to stop or minimize the damage before it happens.

Actually the enemy wants us to be reactive because in doing so we will give him time to set up his territorial plans, devices that he wants to enforce against us.

Teaching Point: Satan is always looking to take territory where the Saints are not praying.

We have been guilty of waiting until something bad happens before we began to pray about it. We must start blanketing our Nation with prayer, Leaders of all ranks, School Systems, Our Children, Frontline Health Workers, Police Reform, etc.

The first Thursday of every May is good for our nation to pray, but we should not have to wait for the president to sign a proclamation each year. Man ought to always pray and not loose heart.

Matthew 12:34-37 You brood of vipers, how can you who are evil say anything good? For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of. A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him. But I tell you that

everyone will have to give account on the day of judgement for every empty word they have spoken. For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned.

Luke 5:16 But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.

James 5:13-16 Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms. Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and Lord raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

In these verses James mentions praying three times; for the affliction which are hardships and not physical illnesses; for sickness; and for one another faults. Then he says that the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. The word avails means to have or exercise force. It actually means because you have prayed, because you have spoken it forth, it is going to happen. It means that something is going to change because you prayed, James makes it clear that when the prayer of faith is prayed and the name of Jesus Christ is invoked the Lord shall intervene.

We must understand that when we are sincerely praying about something it's not a one and done request. It's not a prayer you pray and then forget about it. When you are truly praying for something to change you do not forget you prayed. You actually start looking and waiting patiently for the change. If we are not doing that then we are not praying the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man which avails much.

Eph 3:14-17 For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is name, That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; That Christ may dwell in hearts by faith; the ye, being rooted and grounded in love,

We are to pray for others and just for ourselves. We should especially pray for our fellow believers. God is the one from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named. His church includes members from every nation on earth. We should pray for believers in our church and around the world. Paul here was not just praying for an individual he was praying for a group of people. He was letting us know that God saved us to be a part of a people. The church is a family and as a family we share responsibility for each other and that responsibility includes praying for one another in addition to praying for ourselves.

We should pray that God would strengthen our brothers and sisters through the Holy Spirit!!!

- Pray as children of God, that we would not follow the sinful works of the flesh but grow by the fruit of the Spirit (Gal 5:16-23)
- Pray as God's people, that we would love one another and bear with one another and forgive one another, serve one another (Col 3:12,13)
- Pray as God's ambassadors that we would serve the world and share God's word (2 Cor 5:20).

Isaiah 55:11 So shall my word be that goes forth out of my mouth; it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it. The bible says that when God speaks His words goes forth and they accomplish what He speaks. Now if we are God's children, and if we have God's life and nature living inside of us then what we speak should come to pass. Whenever we pray things should change. A child of God who is operating within the will of God when you cry out unto Him and believe that your prayer is answered, it will be.

Teaching Point: When you pray you got to believe that your words are important to God and He is delighted to bring them to pass.