



The Power of Prayer

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Talking through the message during the week helps you turn what God is saying to you into action steps. These talking points, questions and scriptures are designed to help you take the next step.

- If your prayer life was being judged by a panel of judges what score would you receive, with 10 being “it’s totally” awesome and 1 being “prayer life, what’s that”. Why?

**With your Bible or YouVersion read 1 Kings 18:42-46 and James 5:17**

- What does James tell us about Elijah? What do you think he is trying to point out to use when he says that Elijah was “as frail as ourselves”?
- What do you think it means to pray earnestly?

**Read James 4:6, 10**

- Why do you think that being humble would impact the effectiveness of our prayers?
- How did Elijah demonstrate his humility? Is this the only way to demonstrate our humility? Why?

**Read James 4:2**

- When it comes requests during prayer do yours tend to be general or specific? If God knows everything why might it be important for us to pray for things specifically?
- How does James’ observation 4:2 impact you ideas about asking God for things specifically?

- What specific prayers do you need to bring before God?

**Read James 5:16**

- How does Elijah respond when it servant tells him that he didn’t see anything when looked toward the sea?
- Do you think that persistence in prayer matters? Why or why not?
- Do you tend to be persistent in prayer or do you give up after a while?

**Read Mark 11:24**

- How do you think “faith” impacts your prayer life?
- Do you pray believing that God will act or just hoping that He will act?
- Notice the phrase that Jesus uses, “believe that you have received it.” It isn’t a future tense it is a present tense. How might this statement impact your prayer life?
- What are some steps that you need to take to grow in the area of prayer?

**Talk It Over with God:**

These prayer tips can guide your time alone with God each day. Praying with a friend or a small group might help you stick to it.

- Ask God to help you grow in your prayer life?
- Develop a prayer list which you regularly pray for, leave room to record the answer that come?
- If there is a person or situation that you have given up talking to God about , bring it back to the top of your prayer list. Believe that God is already at work.
- Spend some time humbly bring your deepest desires to God. Make sure to include time to listen for His voice.