

PRAYER CHANGES US

Ephesians 1.15-18 (NLT) John 17:17-21

REVIEW

2019 THEME CHANGING TO CHANGE THE WORLD

“THE REAL PURPOSE OF DISCIPLESHIP”

Acts 1.8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Matt. 28.18-20 Jesus came and told his disciples, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. 19 Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations,[a] baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. 20 Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

JANUARY CONSECRATION

CHANGE MY LIFE THRU UNENDING PRAYER

1Th 5:16 Rejoice always; 17 pray without ceasing; 18 in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

THIS WEEK AS WE PRAY.....

Don't be discouraged Col 4.2

Devote yourself to prayer, being WATCHFUL and THANKFUL.

Start to Rejoice....

Stretch YOUR FAITH

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Ephesians 3:14-19 When I think of all this, I fall to my knees and pray to the Father, the Creator of everything in heaven and on earth.

I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit. Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong. And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is.

May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.

Jn 17:17"Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth. 18 "As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. 19 "For their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they themselves also may be sanctified in truth. 20 "I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word; 21 that they may all be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me.

INTRODUCTION

MOST PEOPLE THINK PRAYER IS A MEANS OF GETTING THINGS WE NEED AND WANT FROM GOD. TO RELEGATE PRAYER TO THIS WOULD BE THE SAME AS BELIEVING THAT EVERY TIME A MAN SAYS HELLO TO HIS WIFE OR SIGNIFICANT OTHER ITS FOR THE PURPOSE OF GETTING SEX. NOT TO TRULY KNOW HER HEART, HER NEEDS OR JUST TO KNOW HER. JUST TO GET THE REWARD! PRAYER, LIKE SINCERE CONVERSATION, IS A MEANS TO UNDERSTAND GODS HEART, BE CLEAR ON WHAT HE WANTS AND IN ADDITION, BECOME MORE LIKE HIM.

"Can our prayers change our circumstances? Absolutely! But when our circumstances don't change, it's often an indication that God is trying to change us. The primary purpose of prayer is not to change circumstances; the primary purpose of prayer is to change us! But ei-

ther way, the chief objective remains the same: to glorify God in any and every situation.” Mark Batterson

1. PRAYER HELPS US SURRENDER TO HIS WILL AND DESTINY

Mt 26:36 Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and said to His disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." 37 And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and distressed. 38 Then He said to them, "My soul is deeply grieved, to the point of death; remain here and keep watch with Me." 39 And He went a little beyond them, and fell on His face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will, but as You will."

Fear of the Unknown is the enemy's Tool

Faith is God's Antidote to Fear

2. PRAYER FREES US FROM THE ISSUES THAT SEPARATE US

His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires. 2 PETER 1 : 3 –4

PRAYER BRINGS US INTO THE DIVINE POWER

PRAYER MAKES THE PROMISE COME ALIVE

PROMISE CREATES IN YOU A DIVINE NATURE

DIVINE - coming from God, like God in power, sacred to God

NOTES- Old French and Latin derivatives

3. PRAYER REVEALS THE AMAZING PLANS HE HAS

Jos 3:5 Then Joshua said to the people, "Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do wonders(AMAZING THINGS) among you."

Salvation was AMAZING

Change in your perspective is AMAZING

Your DESTINY IS AMAZING