

PRAYER CHANGES US

11-11-19 Message by B. Courtney McBath

Ephesians 1:15-18 (NLT) John 17:17-21

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

PRAYER CHANGES US

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 PERSON TALKS TO US ITS TO GET SOMETHING. NOT TO TRULY KNOW THE HEART OR NEEDS OR JUST TO KNOW. 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 either 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 1 Tim..6,7

Faith is God’s Antidote to Fear - ANSWERED PRAYERS

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

LACK OF POWER, NO FAITH IN PROMISES, HUMAN NATURE

PRAYER BRINGS US INTO THE DIVINE POWER Acts 1.8

PRAYER MAKES THE PROMISE COME ALIVE Verse 3

PROMISE CREATES IN YOU A DIVINE NATURE Verse 4

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

Jer 29:10 "For thus says the LORD, 'When seventy years have been completed for Babylon, I will visit you and fulfill My good word to you, to bring you back to this place. 11 'For I know the plans that I have for you,' declares the LORD, 'plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope. 12 'Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. 13 'You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart.

Your DESTINY IS AMAZING