

Getting Results Through Prayer

DAY:

Monday

TITLE:

Decide What You Want From God

KEY VERSE:

John 15:7 -- "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you."

REFLECTION:

On Wednesday I told you that one of the biggest hindrances to answered prayer is that we have never truly decided what we want from God. We shoot off half-hearted requests and then wonder why nothing changes. But John 15:7 puts the responsibility squarely on us -- five times the word "you" appears in that one verse. God is not withholding. He is waiting on us to get serious, get specific, and get into His Word. When I finally stopped waffling and made a deliberate, word-based decision about what I was bringing before God, things began to shift. That is not coincidence. That is covenant. Take time today to actually think through what you are believing God for. Stop being vague. He honors specific, faith-filled requests rooted in His promises.

PRAYER:

Father, forgive me for the times I have prayed casually without really deciding what I needed from You. Help me today to get quiet, get honest, and bring You a real, specific request. I believe You hear me and I trust Your Word.

DAILY ACTION:

Write down one specific thing you are believing God for and find one scripture that promises it.

DAY:

Tuesday

TITLE:

Ask Him -- He Still Wants to Hear It

KEY VERSE:

Matthew 7:7-8 -- "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened."

REFLECTION:

I know what some of you are thinking -- God already knows what I need, so why do I have to ask? Jesus addressed that directly. He said your heavenly Father knows what you need before you ask, and then He still said ask. There is something powerful about articulating your request to God out loud, from your mouth, with your faith engaged. It is not just ritual. It is relationship. When I finally went to God and said, "This is an official prayer, and I am asking You specifically," things moved in six months that had not moved in years. God wants to hear your voice. He wants you to come to Him with purpose, not just pass through His presence hoping something falls on you. You are not bothering Him. You are doing exactly what He told you to do. Ask.

PRAYER:

Lord, I come to You today not with a vague hope but with a real request. I am asking You to move in my situation, and I believe You hear me right now. Thank You for the open door of prayer.

DAILY ACTION:

Spend five minutes today speaking your prayer request out loud rather than only thinking it silently.

DAY:

Wednesday

TITLE:

Believe That You Receive When You Pray

KEY VERSE:

Matthew 21:22 -- "And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive."

REFLECTION:

On Wednesday I said this is where the rubber meets the road. Asking is one thing. Believing you received it the moment you prayed is something else entirely. Mark 11:24 makes it plain -- believe that you receive them when you pray, and you will have them. Not when you see it. Not when it shows up in the natural. When you pray. That requires you to hold your faith steady against contrary evidence. Your body may still hurt. The bank account may still look the same. The devil will come and ask why it has not happened yet. Do not back down. Do not unravel at the kitchen table what you built in the prayer closet. You cannot pray in faith and then out-talk your own prayer. Keep your confession aligned with what you asked. The answer does not change because circumstances look unchanged. God is still working.

PRAYER:

Father, I choose to believe right now that You heard my prayer and that the answer is already in motion. Help me guard my words and keep my faith steady today even when I cannot see the change yet. I trust You.

DAILY ACTION:

Each time a doubtful thought comes about your prayer request today, speak out loud the scripture you found on Monday instead of agreeing with the doubt.

DAY:

Thursday

TITLE:

Get the Word Inside You

KEY VERSE:

John 3:16 -- "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

REFLECTION:

I use this verse as an example of how to take a promise and personalize it in prayer. On Wednesday I talked about finding the scripture that covers your situation and then speaking it back to God. That is not religious

noise. That is how faith works -- it has a voice. When my wife and I would sit together at four-thirty in the morning with our coffee and go through our written list, calling things out one by one according to the Word, the answers started coming. Answered. Answered. Answered. The Word has to get inside you. You speak it, you meditate on it, you pray it until it moves from your head into your spirit. Then when you ask, you are not asking from a place of desperation or doubt. You are asking from a place of deep, settled belief. That is the kind of prayer that produces results.

PRAYER:

Lord, I want Your Word to live in me, not just sit on a page. Help me to take the promises that apply to my life and let them take root deep in my heart. Let my prayers come from that place today.

DAILY ACTION:

Find one promise in scripture related to what you are believing God for and read it out loud three times today, slowly and deliberately.

DAY:

Friday

TITLE:

Be Persistent -- Do Not Back Off

KEY VERSE:

John 16:13 -- "However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth."

REFLECTION:

The Holy Spirit was sent to teach us how to pray, and one of the most important things He will teach you is to not quit. Persistence is not a lack of faith -- it is an expression of it. When I was fighting for my life, the devil told me I was not going to make it. Some days pressed hard. But I refused to change what I had asked. I kept going back to the Word. I kept praying in the Holy Ghost. I kept speaking the promises. And little by little, things got better. The Holy Spirit will strengthen you in those long stretches between asking and receiving. He knows exactly what you need and He can pray through you when you run out of your own words. Pray in the Spirit. Stay consistent. Stay specific. Do not give up on what God put in your heart to believe for. Your breakthrough may be one persistent prayer away.

PRAYER:

Holy Spirit, strengthen me to keep praying and not give up. When I am tired and the answer seems far away, remind me of what God promised and help me stay in faith all the way through to the breakthrough. I am not backing off.

DAILY ACTION:

Set a specific time to pray today and keep it -- even if it is only ten minutes -- and spend part of that time praying in the Spirit if that is part of your prayer life.