

# Faith filled Praying

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## Introduction

Last time I finished with a what our prayer life might look like

**Continuous, Effective, Hell destroying, Bondage breaking, Stronghold crushing, Life generating Soul saving and power releasing spiritual intercession**

**When was the last time if ever, did we pray prayers like that?**

- Praying with faith
- We don't get to pray prayers like that out if ourselves

You can pray faithless prayers faithfully

## Faith filled Praying

I guess it's would be easy if there were some simple formula or step by step simple guide to follow and if you do that all your prayers will be answered

Just check off the steps and we've done our duty

Prayer doesn't work like that though, God wants us to engage with him, it's about relationship and our hearts been in tune with him.

Praying was never meant to be a duty or a chore, it is a privilege and essential to our developing and strengthening our relationship with our father.

God loves to answer our prayer, he doesn't ignore he's not being difficult or awkward, he wants us to find him to know him to partner with him.

He wants us to know his heart that we might pray with faith and expectancy.

I've done a hop, a skip and a jump through scripture looking at some of the prayers that have affected change.

It's seams to me faith filled prayers are a response to some difficult situation, failure, bad news or in response to some revelation or promise from God

Nehemiah 1 1-4

He heard some news that distressed him  
He was greatly troubled  
It lasted days

He turned to God

His response was

He mourned for what was lost

He prayed and fasted to the God of heaven

He kept going until he had a breakthrough.

This is his prayer – Nehemiah 1 v 5- 11

- He acknowledges who God is
- He asks that God listens to him
- He confesses sin his own and that of Israel
- Reminds God of the covenant he made with Moses
- He asks for favour and success with the King as he was the king's cupbearer

This was a process he did not arrive at this place instantly

Did he pray himself into faith ?

Did he find out what God wanted him to do ?

Did he come up with a plan of how to do it or did he get it from God ?

We live in a time where everything is instant but that's not how the kingdom works

Some helps

1. **Pray faithfully.**

When you pray, ensure that you don't waver in your faith.

Hold fast to your relationship with Christ.

God can resurrect a dead life, a dead dream—anything that is dead—if you have faith: "God ... gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did" (Rom. 4:17).

He can bring any marriage, business or faith back into alignment with His promises. But this takes more than a quick "Help me, God!" It takes dedicated, faithful, faith-filled prayer in which you fully present yourself to God.

2. **Pray decisively.**

You can't be wishy-washy when you pray—

one day you trust God, the next day you don't.

One day you pray this, the next day you want the opposite.

You say one thing to God in faith, and then you go have coffee with your friends and talk about how it can never happen. – are you guilty of this one ?

As the Bible says: "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful" (Heb. 10:23).

Make a deliberate and conscious decision to agree with the Word of God, and then set your heart to believe it and your mouth to speak it no matter what.

### **3. Pray forcefully.**

Don't be a wimp! Matthew 11:12 tells us that, "The kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force."

You aren't begging, you aren't crying and you aren't persuading; you are coming to take what is rightfully ours according to the Word of God.

You must come boldly as a child would to a loving father, as one might to a king, as a wronged person would to a court of law.

Hebrews 11:6 tells us, "Without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him."

### **4. Pray lovingly.**

We aren't called to take vengeance on anyone. If vengeance is to be taken, it will be God taking it, not us.

Our fight is not with flesh and blood but principalities and powers in the spiritual realm

We are called to be deliverers, rescuers and healers.

We're called to put ourselves between the people and the harm, lifting up Jesus so that those who will look up from this world to Him might also be saved (see John 3:14-15).

We must pray to see the people we are praying for or those who hurt us through the eyes of God. We must pray that God stops them in their tracks as He did Paul and turns them around. We can't have faith if we aren't walking in love, for the only thing that avails is "faith working through love" (Gal. 5:6).

### **5. Pray truthfully.**

There are times when we are in denial about the truth of a situation, or we could just be mistaken about the facts or in how we are interpreting things.

We don't necessarily need to be praying "the facts;" we need to be praying the truth.

God doesn't need us to tell Him the facts; He knows them better than we do. But He does need us to agree with His word, his promises so that we can receive the provision He desires to provide. After all, "You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32).

### **6. Pray earnestly.**

Life throws us curveballs, and though we have different backgrounds and personal histories, we all have emotions, dreams and passions.

When we're emotionally involved in a struggle, we tend to pray less rather than pray more. If we are to have overcoming prayer lives, we need to turn those emotions and passions into prayer rather than let them become a hindrance to it.

"Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit" (James 5:17-18).

### **7. Pray authoritatively.**

Praying in Jesus' name is not just a closing we're supposed to use before we say, "Amen." Praying in the name of Jesus is coming to the throne of God, it's access given to us in Jesus Christ.

Using the name of Jesus is another "in Christ" privilege and sign of our authority as a representatives of Jesus.

There's power and Authority in the name of Jesus and we have the right to that authority in him.

John 14:13-14 says: "And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it."

### **Conclusion**

Prayer is a journey that is unique for everyone. Just as each of us has a different calling or job to do for God, each of us will travel a slightly different road in understanding what prayer really is. God will speak to each of us in different ways, and the way God speaks to one person can be markedly different from the way He speaks to another.

God isn't interested in getting us to learn rules and requirements and living life merely by following the dictates of a rule book, but He wants us to come to Him that we might know Him for ourselves. He wants a unique relationship with each of us just as He created each of us as unique individuals.

He wants to partner with us in our journey and live it out with us day by day. It's why He created humans, and it is His great joy when we come to Him without doubt or compromise to wholeheartedly get to know Him and let ourselves be fully known by Him. God is all about relationship, and the key to it is masterful prayer.

Faith filled payers are needed for seemly impossible tasks

For our nation to turn back to God

To see the Gospel penetrate every tribe tongue and nation

To see strongholds pulled down in the Name of Jesus

To see his kingdom rule and reign in every sphere of society

God majors in doing what is impossible with man

He loves to break through when all hope seems gone

So what are we going to do with prayer ?

If this is a new day for us then it has to be in prayer and through prayer

#### Questions

- What's your prayer journey?
- What's been your best prayer success and your worst?
- How would you like to see your prayer life grow?
- How can we be more effective in our praying ?
- What are the breakthroughs you are praying for at the moment?