

March 22, 2020

Raise The Standard In How You Pray!"

SCRIPTURE

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WARM UP

1. Talk about a recent answer to prayer, and give God thanks.
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REFLECTING ON THE MESSAGE

1. As you reflect on the sermon this week, what one principle or insight stands out as particularly helpful, insightful, or challenging?
 2. If prayer is how God communicates with his people, why is it that many people don't pray?
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ENGAGING WITH THE MESSAGE

1. Pastor Gary listed some ways prayer impacted and changed the early church. List a few other Biblical examples where prayer changed specific situations.
 2. Take time to read I Chronicles 7:14 in a few different translations/versions, then discuss how we can practically implement this biblical principle of prayer.
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APPLICATION LIVING IT OUT

1. In the area of having a consistent daily prayer routine, what rating out of 10 would you give yourself?
 2. a) For those who ranked high, what helps you, motivates you, and sustains you?
b) What do you need to overcome in order to enjoy a fervent daily prayer life?
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Pastor Gary sermon ends the sermon with a call to action: **Hebrews 4:16** *"Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."* This is a "time of need" for the church, nation and world.

1. Set aside 5 minutes per day to pray for:
 - a) Solutions: A Medical breakthrough to treat the virus. Healing for those infected. Safe practices. Protection for our families and frontline workers.
 - b) Salvation: For Believers to make the most of the opportunities to share the gospel during this time when people are fearful and feel isolated.

2. If you have difficulty knowing how to pray each day, follow this simple prayer guide outlined in the discipleship booklet ***Now What?*** Make it a habit to pray every day:
 - **Monday** – Missionaries
 - **Tuesday** – Tasks, pray about your particular work for God.
 - **Wednesday** – Workers – pray for the pastors and others who work in your church.
 - **Thursday** – Thanksgiving, express gratitude for what God has done for you and others.
 - **Friday** – Families and Friends.
 - **Saturday** – Saints, fellow believers.
 - **Sunday**– Sinners/unbelievers, pray that God would reach those who don't know Christ through the church services.