

Gospel Lighthouse Church
Sunday, November 2, 2025
Partnership--Co-laborer III: Right Thinking—In Prayer II

Text: II Corinthians 6:1

- Key Term: “workers together” *Synergoi* (Greek) – implies mutual participation with God.
Focus: Applying divine partnership in prayer.
- Correlated text: Mark 11:11–14, 20–24.
- Main text: Mark 11:22–24.

Mark 11:22-24: 22“... Have faith in God.” 23“For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. 24 “Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.” (underlines emphasis added).

Partnership in prayer can be summarized in three major areas: **intimacy, insight, and intercession.**

1. Intimacy — personal enrichment and fellowship with God.

“Have faith in God.” — v.22.

- Faith operates in the unseen realm: “*For we walk by faith, not by sight.*” — 2 Corinthians 5:7.
- Faith is not intellectual comprehension but relational confidence—*not “knowing how,” but knowing Who.*
- Having faith in God, belief is anchored in God’s unchanging character, not in visible evidence.
- The unseen work of God reminds us that He is always active, even in moments of apparent stillness.
- “*Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.*” — Hebrews 11:1
- To “*have faith in God*” means maintaining a continual awareness of His presence—an ongoing closeness and trust that transcends understanding.

2. Insight — the distinction of the supernatural versus the natural/sensory realm.

“Whoever says to this mountain...” — v.23.

- Faith shifts us from **human pressure to divine partnership**—v.23.
- The verbs “*be removed*” and “*be cast*”—both in the passive voice—affirm God’s activity: “*I don’t know how, but I trust Who.*”
- Release the need to manage outcomes. Peace grows as control shifts from your hands to His.
- Faith interrupts the overtaking of the natural and sensory realm. It calls us from striving to understand *how* things will work into resting in God’s divine activity. **Restricted area or do not enter zone.**
- Take pressure off yourself. You are not responsible for how God works—only for trusting that He does.
- This is the heart of partnership: **joining our believing with His doing.**

3. Intercession and surrender — sharing God’s heart—purpose in prayer.

“Whatever things you ask when you pray...” — v.24.

- The middle voice of the verbs *ask/desire* and *pray* implies sharing God’s heart—aligning with His purposes and interests for yourself and others.
- It involves faith for divinely supplied endurance to fulfill His assigned purpose, which requires surrender.
- Surrendering is not weakness; it is partnership at its deepest level, yielding to divine wisdom, trusting His timing, and aligning with His redemptive plan.

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