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SINGING TOGETHER Praise is rising
The lion and the lamb
PRAYER
SINGING TOGETHER Open the eyes of my heart
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SINGING TOGETHER Yet not I but through Christ in me
BIBLE READING John 15:1-17 (Church Bible page 1135)
MESSAGE Taught by Pastor Phill
SINGING TOGETHER The Lords my shepherd



The Power of Prayer ~2
How prayer can transform your life.
John 15:1-17

'Lord, teach us to pray.' Luke 11:1 NIV

1. Prayer is an act of _____.

'If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you.'

John 15:5-7 NIV

2. Prayer is an act of _____.

'I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name.'

John 15:15-16 NIV

3. Prayer is an act of _____.

'Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.'

Philippians 4:6-7 NRSV

'I tell you the truth, my Father will give you whatever you ask in My name. Until now you have not asked for anything in My name. Ask and you will receive and your joy will be complete.'

John 16:23-24 NIV

'You do not have, because you do not ask God.'

James 4:2 NIV

'He will fulfil the desires of those who reverence Him.' Psalm 145:19 LB

'Delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart.'
Psalm 37:4 NIV

'No good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly.'
Psalm 84:11 ESV

'Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!' Luke 11:11-13 NIV

4. Prayer is an act of _____.

'Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the miracles themselves. I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in Me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these because I'm going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in My name, so that the Father may bring glory to the Son. You may ask Me for anything in My name and I will do it.' John 14:11-14 NIV

'The king's heart is like a stream of water directed by the LORD; he turns it wherever he pleases.' Proverbs 21:1 NLT



SMALL GROUP SERMON DISCUSSION

1. If you were told that you were going to have the opportunity to talk with Jesus for fifteen minutes today and you could make one request of Him, what would your request be?
2. What are some of the misconceptions about prayer that people have and how can they be damaging to a relationship with God?
3. Our biggest problem in prayer is we don't feel a dependence upon God. How do you feel about that statement? (Read John 15:5-7 to shed more light on this).
4. Look up John 15:15-16. How does it make you feel that God calls you His friend? How does that impact the way you approach God?
5. Read Philippians 4:6-7. What should we ask God for in prayer?
 - What are the results of answered prayer?
 - What are you lacking right now in your life simply because you've never asked God for it?
6. Read John 16:23-24 and James 4:3. How do answers to prayer make our joy complete? Can you give an example of joy when God answered your prayer?
7. How do Psalm 145:15, Psalm 37:4 and Psalm 84:11 help us understand how God answers our prayer requests?
8. Prayer is not limited by time or space. How does that encourage you to pray?



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