



POWERFUL PRAYING!

James 5:16-18

Message: Prayer can be very effective and powerful in and through our lives.

I. PRAY IN THE NAME OF JESUS

John 14:13; John 14:14

II. PRAY IN THE WILL OF GOD

I John 5:14; I John 5:15

III. PRAY IN FAITH/BELIEVING

Matthew 21:22; Hebrews 11:6; James 1:6

IV. PRAY WITH EARNESTNESS

James 5:16; Acts 12:4

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V. PRAY WITH PERSISTENCE

Matthew 7:7-8 (NKJV)

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

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Luke 18:1-8 (NKJV)

- ¹ Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart,
² saying: “There was in a certain city a judge who did not fear God nor regard man.
³ Now there was a widow in that city; and she came to him, saying, ‘Get justice for me from my adversary.’
⁴ And he would not for a while; but afterward he said within himself, ‘Though I do not fear God nor regard man,
⁵ yet because this widow troubles me I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.’ ”
⁶ Then the Lord said, “Hear what the unjust judge said.
⁷ And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them?
⁸ I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find **[this] faith** on the earth?”

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Matthew 15:21-28 (NKJV)

- ²¹ Then Jesus went out from there and departed to the region of Tyre and Sidon.
- ²² And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed.”
- ²³ But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, “Send her away, for she cries out after us.”
- ²⁴ But He answered and said, “I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”
- ²⁵ Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, “Lord, help me!”
- ²⁶ But He answered and said, “It is not good to take the children’s bread and throw it to the little dogs.”
- ²⁷ And she said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters’ table.”
- ²⁸ Then Jesus answered and said to her, “O woman, **great is your faith!** Let it be to you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

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Genesis 32:24-30 (NKJV)

- ²⁴ Then Jacob was left alone; and a Man wrestled with him until the breaking of day.
- ²⁵ Now when He saw that He did not prevail against him, He touched the socket of his hip; and the socket of Jacob's hip was out of joint as He wrestled with him.
- ²⁶ And He said, "Let Me go, for the day breaks." But he said, "I will not let You go unless You bless me!"
- ²⁷ So He said to him, "What *is* your name?" He said, "Jacob."
- ²⁸ And He said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel; for you have struggled with God and with men, and have prevailed."
- ²⁹ Then Jacob asked, saying, "Tell *me* Your name, I pray." And He said, "Why *is* it *that* you ask about My name?" And He blessed him there.
- ³⁰ So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: "For I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved."