



What is our Motto?



Teaching People "Think, Act and Love Like Jesus,"

- WE are living our Motto when we enjoy celebrating and trusting God in Prayer as Jesus did.
- John 5:19-20 "...the Son can do nothing by himself; He can **only** do what He sees the Father doing..."
- Everyday, Jesus sought the Father to understand what His plans were for Him for that day. - Mk.1:35-38
- A Life of total faith in the Father.

People Of Prayer



- Becoming People of Prayer is learning to Trust God:
- That He Cares and is a Good God
- That He is Able to Answer Prayer
- That He is Willing Answer Prayer
- That He Will Answer Prayer
- Do we do it?

Prayer Boosters



1. Praise in Pain
2. The Recognition of Need
3. Understanding Our Position in Christ
4. Learning the Power of Hedges

I Bless Your Name



• Acts 16:22-34

In prisoners' chains, with bleeding stripes
Paul and Silas prayed that night,
And in their pain began to sing.
Their chains were loosed and they were free
I'll bless your name!

1. I Will Bless Your Name In Suffering



- Acts 5:40 – 41 - Rejoice in suffering
- Heb.10:34 – Joy in confiscation
- Heb.12:2 – Joy in pain and shame
- Luke 10:17-20 - Joy in Victory
- John Piper – God is most glorified in us, when we are most satisfied in Him
- God's grace is like a flowing river. Always being renewed and always sufficient for the need of the moment.

2. The Recognition of Need



- One of the lies of Satan is that we are ok.
 - Prayer is not a formula. It is the expression of a needy heart.
- Prayer has to be born out of a whole environment of felt need. If I say, "I ought to pray," I will soon run out of motivation and quit; the flesh is too strong. I have to be driven to pray.
- Do you **HAVE TO** pray?

Understanding Our Position Of Authority



- **Matt.28:18** – "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me" **Matt.28:18-19**; **We are IN Christ - Col.2:9-10**; **Eph.2:4-6**
- The source of our authority is the resurrection – **Eph.1:18-23**
- It is conferred by believing – **1:19**;
- The location of authority is at the "Right hand of God" **1:20,2:6**
- There are rebellious holders of authority – **2:2**;
- We are equipped for battle - **Eph.6:10-13**
- Children's night terrors are of the enemy. Tell him to leave

The Power of Hedges



- A Hedge keeps people out - **Job.1:8-12**; **2:3-6**;
- A Hedge keeps people in - **Hosea 2:5-7**
- We have seen God bring change over night
- Jim Cymbala – Fresh Wind Fresh Fire

Understanding Our Equipping



- How much of the fullness of God is available to us?
 - **Col.2:9-10**; **Eph.1:20**, **2:4-6**; **3:19**
- How much of the Authority and Power of God are we using as individuals and as a church family?
- Why?
- How do we begin to use that equipping, power and authority?

How Should I Pray?



1. In Faith – We Praise in Pain
 2. In Need - The recognition that in ourselves, we are powerless
 3. In Authority - Understanding Our Position in Christ
 4. With Knowledge - The Power of Hedges
- **Just Do It!**