



# SERMON SINGLES



# HIGHER AIM

## Aligned To Pray

*John 14:13-14; John 15:5-8; John 16:23-24*

### 4. Agreeing With His Purpose

When you pray in the name of Jesus, you are agreeing with His purpose. Some people say, "I just want to ask whatever I want." But that is not how it works. You must remain in Christ. The relationship with Jesus will not only give you what to pray, but it will also give you confidence when to pray. The Bible tells us that as we remain in Him, His Word remains in us. As a result, what we pray will be the very thing that He wants us to pray. He gives us the desire to pray for His purpose.

### 5. Abiding In His Person

Our goal with our prayers should be to pray the very prayers that Jesus would be praying. We must always align with His Word and be aligned with His will. Because you are remaining in Him, what you pray will flow out of your relationship with Him. You will pray for the very things that He wants to pray. Otherwise, you are just playing a game called, "Write down my grocery list with God." That is why our prayers don't go very far; we are not remaining in Him. We are not abiding in Him. Our focus is not on our relationship with Him; it is on what we want from Him.

### 6. Activating His Power

When we pray aligned and we are praying in the name of Jesus, we are activating His power. Do you realize that when you speak His name, heaven is brought to attention? The name of Jesus is not an average name. His name is above every name. When you speak His name, hell quakes because they know they are already defeated in the name of Jesus. His name is very powerful, and we can activate that power in our lives when we pray in Jesus' name!

### NOTES

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### **QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER**

1. What do you like/enjoy about your prayer life right now? What about your prayer life needs improvement/attention?
2. When was a time you chose to pray for your own will instead of aligning your prayers with God's will? How did that situation turn out? What did you learn?
3. What is one area of your life where you'd like to see God's power activated?

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