

How Does God Work in Prayer?

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God works through prayer by teaching us to trust Him knowing His purpose is: to draw us closer to Him, to produce godly character qualities in us, and to be witnesses of His presence and power regardless of the problem or crisis in our lives.

The Process of Prayer

1. Begins with a personal relationship with God, 28:16-22
Jacob's first time at Bethel where he promised, "Then the Lord shall be my God"
2. When a problem or crisis occurs, you ask God for help, 32:9-12
3. Instead of trusting God, you try to solve your problem on your own, 32:13-20
4. You wrestle with God and God leads you to depend on Him, 32:22-31
Jacob's second time at Bethel where God led Jacob to depend on Him
5. You must decide to trust God or continue to work out your problem or crisis on your own, 33:8-11
6. As you grow in your walk with God, you learn to put Him first in your life, 35:1-7
Jacob's third time at Bethel where Jacob made Bethel (the House of God) El-bethel (the God of the House)

How God Works in Prayer

1. Know that God understands your struggle, but He expects you to trust Him with your life and let Him work
2. Ask God what lesson He wants to teach you through the problem or crisis
3. Continue to serve God faithfully believing He is in control regardless of how He answers your prayer