

First Baptist Church – Odessa

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“Prayer is the Key to the Change I Want to See”

“iChurch 40-Day Challenge – Pt. 4

Matthew 6:33; Colossians 4:2-4 & Selected

“But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.” Matthew 6:33

Challenge Number 3:

I will intentionally pray for God’s movement in my life, Odessa, Permian Basin, and the entire World in 2018.

To Change My Life and World Through Prayer...

I. I will humbly learn to talk with God continually!

“Continue steadfastly in prayer.” Vs. 2a

“Pray without ceasing.” 1 Thessalonians 5:17

“All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer.”

Acts 1:14

“...praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication.”

Ephesians 6:18

“Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.”

Romans 12:12

II. I will joyfully persist in prayer until God answers!

“Continue steadfastly in prayer.” Vs. 2a

- True prayer is the sacrifice of my entire life upon the altar of God so that His holiness covers me completely.
- True prayer is the total surrender of my plans and purposes so that His will becomes mine... regardless of the answer.

III. I will faithfully remain alert and watch for His answer!

“Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it.” Vs. 2b

IV. I will be thankful for the change before I receive it!

“Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.”
Vs. 2

V. I will pray intentionally for the advance of the Gospel!

“At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison – that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak.”
Vs. 3-4

Father, I pray Your Name will be exalted...

- In my life personally.
- In Odessa, Texas completely.
- In the Permian Basin fully.
- In Your World entirely.