

EVER WONDER WHY?—3 WHY DIDN'T GOD ANSWER MY PRAYER?

10:00 am ***5 Min. Count Down - VIDEO -**

10:05 am **LIVE SHOT – ** Worship –**

**WELCOME to The Peak CC Church --- Online Platform – 1st time
... come in as a guest But you leave as family...**

**Self Intro - PEAK INTRO Young /Vibrant / Life Giving Church in
the HEART of Peekskill.**

We are so glad you could join us as we worship the Lord.

***Online Connect Card * RightNow Media**

**Remember: Mon: small Groups / Tue: Prayer / Wed: Women's Small
Group**

**Thu: Bible Study / Fri: Advanced Prayer Meeting Sat: Men's
Fellowship**

Prayers for 1st Responders. PVAC - PD - FireFighters -

International Crisis Response Team.

NEXT WEEK: LIVE IN PERSON!!!

10:30 AM ****Announcements Video - Tithing**

10:33 AM ****VIDEO “Ever Wonder Why?”**

2 Corinthians 10:3-4a

3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. 4 For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds,

How many of you believe in power of prayer?

All things possible w/G—Seen God miraculously answer prayers

Good news —*Prayer is powerful - in fact Leonard Ravenhill made several statements about prayer...*

10:40 AM ****VIDEO “Prayer”**

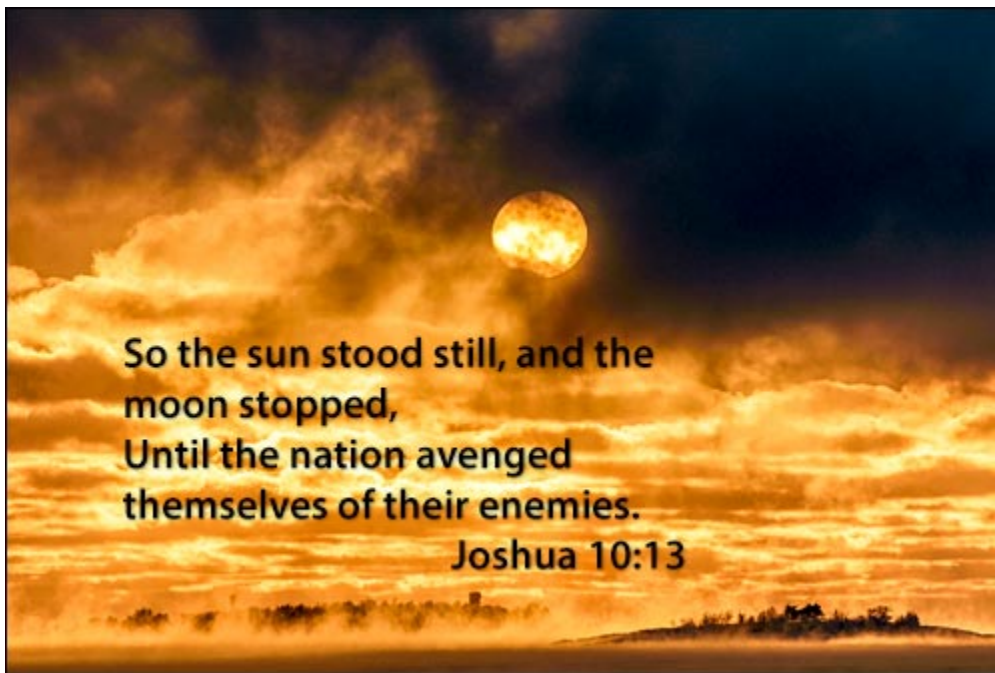
Prayer is powerful —Can be confusing!

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- **Josh 10**— Gibeon was a great city, like one of the royal cities, and because it was greater than Ai, and all its men were mighty.

the five kings of the Amorites, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, and the king of Eglon, gathered together and went up, they and all their armies, and camped before Gibeon

and made war against it.

Josh prayed sun stand still— THE Whole day.



- **Close friend's marriage—Divorced**
- **1 Kings 18—Elijah called fire heaven—800 false prophets**



- Pastor Tony— Puerta Del Sol – Sick Covid—Prayed—Died.
- **Dan 6**—Daniel prayed face death—Starving lions on a diet.



- **Prayed for God's protection** —backed into a stone pillar-
busted up my car.

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John 14:13-14

¹³ *And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.*

What happens when u ask God—Know can—Should—It's His Will to heal— *BUT Doesn't?*

Something wrong? God not listening? Mad? Not care?

Title— **Why Didn't God Answer My Prayer?**

Opening Prayer

Gain the Understanding Nature of God & Purpose of Prayer!

Hard for us to grasp—Not the main character in the story! (God)
World does NOT revolve around ME

God doesn't exist to serve us—We exist to serve him.

The purpose of prayer *isn't* to get God to do our will.

The purpose of prayer is to know God so we can do His will.

Contrary to popular belief ...

God isn't our Spiritual Santa Claus—Good boy or girl—
Devotional, Tithe/Contribute, serve/volunteer —
give what we Want!

But if you're BAD....

Cuss—Flip Bird —Lose your YV Bible streak— Missed your opportunity to serve — Lump of Coal!

Not your Drive-Thru-God—Have a need
Press the button— Place your order—Get what you want!

NOT a Genie in a bottle

God is not a button to be pushed—Relationship to be pursued!

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Earlier Verse—Jesus, “Do anything I asked”—Why didn't he?
Can be confusing

Study & Interpret the Bible—Don't pluck!

Hermeneutics

Read a verse, work understand it in context.

Who wrote it—Whom? Cultural/Historical context.

Use the bible to interpret the Bible!

ONLY THE ENTIRE NARRATIVE MAKES SENSE

WHY DIDN'T GOD ANSWER MY PRAYER?

personally or individually

Don't know—(Scripture gives us 4 possible reasons)

- **Maybe you have a broken relationship. ??**

Mark 11—Have faith in God—Say to mountain—Sea—Done!

Mark 11:24-25

²⁴ Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. ²⁵ And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive them, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins. ”

J seems saying—Our relationships w/others matter when pray.

Makes sense—Kids yelling/disobeying— no chores — YOU WANT TO Stay up late? goto Friends house? watch a Movie?

Your relationships w/ people impact your relationship w/ God.

Matt 5:23-24

²³ “Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you,
²⁴ leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift. (J)

1 Peter 3:7

⁷ Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.

transliterated translation

Be thou NOT jerketh w/ your spouse...

Why didn't God answer my prayer—Maybe a broken relationship?

- **Maybe you have the wrong motives.**

Have you ever prayed for a selfish reason? I have...

- Pharisees— Robes & garments — Praying be seen! ‘God, I thank Thee that I am not as other men are: extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican.

I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.

- Bless my business—Not willingly tithe- not there to help others...

- Hair be thicker, nails & eyelashes longer, income higher!
(YOUR Glory)
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Perhaps your prayers could have been hindered by.....

**Broken relationship— Could it have been wrong motives?
or**

- **Maybe you don't believe God will do it.** (Lacking faith)

Mark 9/ dad had a son —Boy possess—
Can't talk—Foams/Thrashes—Fire/Water

Dad asked disciples to drive out— They Couldn't do it—
Where faith?

Mark 9:22-24

²² *"It has often thrown him into fire or water to kill him. But if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us."* ²³ *"'If you can'?"* said Jesus. *"Everything is possible for one who believes."*
²⁴ *Immediately the boy's father exclaimed, "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!"*

Even as a Pastor I have Moments—When my faith is weak!

I have SEEN....

God heal blindness—Heal terminal diseases— Reach the lowest & farthest... saved from danger & resources provided from nowhere... Lives transformed...

I recently visited someone w/ Specific terminal illness— Faith Filled, anointing oil in hand. Bible under arm.. praying in the car before entering... What “Word” does God give me??

John 11:25-26

Jesus said to her, “**I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.**

&

John 8:51

Most assuredly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My word he shall never see death.”

Then i walk into house ... hospital bed / tubes / barely responsive

Closer to death than to life.

Very Important—Your faith matters—W/O faith—Impossible.

Over & over *According to your faith will it be done unto you.*

- *“Your faith has healed you.”* Matt 9:22 (Bleeding 12 years)
- *“Your faith has saved you.”* Luke 7:50 (Immoral woman)
expensive perfume on feet

2 blind men—Jesus said do you believe?

- *“According to your faith let it be done to you”; and their sight was restored.* Matt 9:29-30
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Your faith matters!—

Distorted faith ... leads to - Prosperity—Faith healing.
Name it and claim it! IS IT GOD’S WILL???
(Faith matters!)

finally.... you may say...

*My relationships are good,
I have right motives,
certainly have faith & believe*

God still didn’t answer my prayer!

- **Maybe God has something different.** (keys)

1 John 5:14-15

¹⁴ *This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to His will, he hears us.* ¹⁵ *And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.*

The Apostle Paul he called “thorn flesh.”

Eye prob?—Malaria?—Migraines?—Epilepsy?
Speech disability?—Person like Alexander coppersmith?—
whatever it was//// Great deal harm

Pleaded w/ God 3 long seasons!

Preached gospel 30 years every major city Mediterranean Basin
Christophany on the road to damascus..

Shipwrecked—Beaten—Stoned—Imprisoned

Wrote 1/3 of NT—Chances are—- *Verse displayed in your house!*

Begged / pleaded/ cried / **& PRAYED...**
take this AWAY!!!

God's answer...

My grace is sufficient for you—Power perfect in weakness.

What's it for you??
I gotta Get this house!
Help me to get this job!

I have to marry this person!
or
help me get this grade.
make so & so notice me..
Allow me to get accepted at this collage.

In the moment—You may not like what you get or don't get.
You may even question His choices//

Over time—Realize—*God had something different!*

Why Bother Praying? Not sure about the outcome??

Can be So tricky— Could think, ” *God is going to do what he
wants anyway*”

Let's remember....

**The purpose of prayer isn't to get God to do our will.
The purpose of prayer is to know God so we can do his will.**

Prayer reminds me... I'm not in control...
However, PRAYER keeps me close to the ONE who IS.

**I believe God can.
I believe God will.
Even if he doesn't, I still believe.**

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Are you willingly & intentionally aligning yourself with His Word?

This is a place of surrender & obedience. Right there where you are...

Those of you who are part of our e-family... although you may be far from us.... He is close to you.

Right there where you are... Ask Him to come into your heart. Ask Him to be the garment you put on today. Ask Him to forgive your sins. To help mortify this carnal nature to put on His spiritual One.

Please contact us via our website @thepeakcc.com Let us know how we can come along your side to help your spiritual growth...

I'd like to invite you to connect w/ us...Visitors link... fill out that connect card...

NEXT WEEK Starting a NEW SERMON SERIES

Tell your friends!!!

“The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine upon you,
And be gracious to you,
The Lord lift His countenance upon you,
And give you peace.””

I bless you in the Name of the Father, & of the SON, & of the Holy Spirit... Amen!!