# **PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE**

**#SHARE: Part 4** September 18, 2022 Pastor Brian

# WHAT PRAYER DOES

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#### 1. **<u>REJUVENATES</u>** GOD'S PEOPLE.

*"As soon as I pray, you answer me; you encourage me by giving me strength." (Psalm 138:3, NLT)* 

*"I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit." (Ephesians 3:16, NLT)* 

# 2. ACTIVATES GOD'S POWER.

*"For where two or three gather together as my followers, I am there among them." (Matthew 18:20, NLT)* 

*"After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly." (Acts 4:31, NIV)* 

*"The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results." (James 5:16b, NLT)* 

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us," (Ephesians 3:20, NIV)

#### 3. FRUSTRATES SATAN'S PURPOSES.

"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms...And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel," (Ephesians 6:10-12, 18–19, NIV)

# ACTION: HOST A GROUP INVITE PEOPLE TO THE GRAND OPENING