

THE TAKE AWAY

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Sunday, September 25, 2022
The Book of Philippians

Message Summary:

This week in our series, The Book of Philippians, Pastor John examined Philippians 1:19:

[Phil. 1:19 NKJV] *19 For I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your prayer and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ...*

Here we see that Paul understood his current situation, being a prisoner of Rome. He knew he was in a life or death situation. But look at his attitude! Verse 19 tells us that Paul was absolutely convinced that his imprisonment would lead to his deliverance. He knew he would have to walk through the hard circumstances of his imprisonment, but he believed he would eventually leave these circumstances behind. How could he be so convinced? Because he believed in the power of the prayers supplied by the people of the Phillipian church! He knew the power of the Holy Spirit was overflowing in their supply, and there was more than enough power needed for the task of his deliverance. The Bible tells us that we are supposed to pray according to the Word. We are supposed to ask and keep on asking to receive. We are supposed to activate our supply of prayer.

God already knows what you need, but you need to activate the powering of asking in prayer! This is the system God set up. He responds to the prayers of His people. As the body of Christ, we are supposed to pray and ask God to do something about our needs. We have to realize that we need to use our authority and the power of agreement that God gave to us, and together with other believers, we need to begin to pray powerfully to bring real change into this world! Why don't we pray more? Why don't we agree more? God has given power and authority to bring deliverance. But we must recognize that we have to choose to pray in agreement with other believers to release that power to go into action!

Other Scriptures:

[Matthew 18:18-20 NKJV] *18 "Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. 19 "Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. 20 "For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them."*

Discussion Questions:

1. Why was Paul confident he would be delivered?
2. What is "the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ" Paul was talking about?
3. How do our prayers have the power to change situations and circumstances?

Life Application:

This week, reread our key verse for today, Philippians 1:19. Ask yourself this: Are you using the power of your prayers to change the situations and circumstances around you. If you don't pray, or flow together with others in prayer, there are things that will never be accomplished in this world. Those situations need the power of your prayers! It is time to unleash the power of your prayers! As a member of the body, you can pray together with other believers and be confident (just like Paul was) that the power of the Holy Spirit will work through your prayers to bring real change!