

Teach Us to Pray (Part 3)

The Power of Prayer

James 5:16-18

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James 5:16-18 *"...The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. ¹⁷ Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months. ¹⁸ And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit."*

- **CAN GOD REALLY USE MY PRAYERS?**

The same God who chooses ordinary people... also chooses to work through the prayers of ordinary people. He's not looking for perfect people... He's looking for people who will trust Him enough to pray.

- **WHY DON'T I SEE GOD WORKING?**

Isaiah 55:8-9 *"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," says the Lord. ⁹ "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts."*

Hebrews 7:25(NLT) *"...He lives forever to intercede with God on their behalf."*

- **IF GOD IS IN CONTROL, WHY SHOULD I PRAY?**

Moses prayed... and God showed mercy (Exodus 32:11-14)

Hannah prayed... and God gave her Samuel (1 Samuel 1:10-20)

The church prayed... and Peter was set free (Acts 12:5-17)

Because the power of prayer has never been found in the person praying...It's found in the God who hears

So... HOW DO WE APPLY THIS MONDAY MORNING?