

# FAITHFUL TO THE MISSION OPEN DOORS BY PRAYER

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*I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. (Revelation 3:8, NIV)*

There are many doors that God wants to open wide for every believer, but many times we don't position ourselves to see those doors open. Instead we trust in our own gifting and ability to push doors open and we are unable to distinguish that while some doors are open there are some that are meant to be closed.

The important thing to understand here is that **God wants to open doors in our lives.**

### Definitions:

- \_\_\_\_\_ - ask, beseech, beg, plead, appeal, to petition, request, supplicate/supplication.
- \_\_\_\_\_ - a door obviously, a gate or an entrance in the physical sense but it was also used metaphorically to mean a time or place or opportunity or access.
- \_\_\_\_\_ - Held an important social and administrative role in the culture of ancient cities where important and prominent things would happen and metaphorically represented the gates of heaven, that is the entrance to God's dwelling place.

**What Does This Mean?** (Write it here in your own words.)

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### Genesis 24 - Lessons from Eliezer

- Be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ about your prayers.
- Be \_\_\_\_\_ watching and waiting.
- Be \_\_\_\_\_ on what you have asked so you can \_\_\_\_\_ it when it \_\_\_\_\_.
- Ask for a possible but \_\_\_\_\_ sign that would simplify things and grow our faith when we see it happen.
- Ask for things with \_\_\_\_\_.
- Our requests and petitions should fall in line with our \_\_\_\_\_ will, \_\_\_\_\_ will.
- \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ this is the door from God.
- \_\_\_\_\_ doesn't mean no action.
- \_\_\_\_\_.
- Don't get \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ of life.
- Do \_\_\_\_\_ will first.
- Don't \_\_\_\_\_, seize the \_\_\_\_\_ immediately.

**Ways We Can Open Doors by Prayer**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Prayer by \_\_\_\_\_ (Genesis 32:24-32)
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Prayer by \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Samuel 1:1-19)
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Prayer by \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Kings 18:20-39; James 1:5-8)
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Prayer by \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ &  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Daniel 3:14-20,24-26; Proverbs 3:5-6)
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Prayer by \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 26:36-42)

**What to Do When the Door stays Shut but You Think It's Meant to Open**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ God & \_\_\_\_\_ on His \_\_\_\_\_  
(2 Corinthians 12:7-10)
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Patiently (Habakkuk 2:3)
3. Keep Doing His Will & \_\_\_\_\_ (Galatians 6:9)

**How Do I Know When to Leave a Door Shut & Move On?**

- Is it \_\_\_\_\_ or born of \_\_\_\_\_ ?
- Has the Lord said \_\_\_\_\_ ?
- Is the \_\_\_\_\_ encouraging you to let go?
- \_\_\_\_\_ before you \_\_\_\_\_ your life.

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**God wants to open doors for us this season.**

It is up to us to position ourselves and be ready through prayer.

*Even before they call, I will answer; while they are still speaking, I will hear. (Isaiah 65:24, CSB)*

*Ask, and it will be given to you. Seek, and you will find. Knock, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. (Matthew 7:7-8, CSB)*