

5 KEYS TO A **FERVENT** FAITH-LIFE

HOW TO PRAY WITH **FERVENCY**

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- James 5:13–18 (NIV) — 13 Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. 14 Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. 15 And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven.

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- 16 Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. 17 Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. 18 Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops.

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➔ #1 --Fervent Faith-life Is Built On A Firm Foundation

- Isaac Reopened The Wells That Abraham Had Originally Dug
- **Genesis 26:18–19 (NIV)** — 18 Isaac reopened the wells that had been dug in the time of his father Abraham, which the Philistines had stopped up after Abraham died, and he gave them the same names his father had given them. 19 Isaac's servants dug in the valley and discovered a well of fresh water there.
- In The Life And Faith Of Elijah –Every Time Drought Threatened Or An Enemy Opposed Him -- He Remained Steady And Faithful

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- The Walk Of Faith -- Our Walk Is A Result Of Faith
- We Either Walk As Christians – Or -- As Non-Christians
- We Either Walk In The Darkness -- Or -- In The Light
- Elijah's Walking By Faith Impacted Everything He Did In Life

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#2 --The Fight Of Faith-Life

- There Were Many Tests And Trial That Came Up In Elijah's Faithwalk—where If He Did Not Fight He Would Be Defeated And Overcome
- The Fight Of Faith Is Not Fought With Weapons Of Earthly Warfare It Must Be Fought With Weapons Of Spiritual Warfare

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- Spiritual Warfare Is That Conflict Being Waged In The Invisible, Spiritual Realm That Is Being Manifest In The Visible, Physical Realm.
- **(Eph 6:12 NIV)** 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.

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- Our Foe Is Formidable And His Goal Is To Destroy Us And Discredit The Cause Of Christ
- We Must Respect Our Foe, But Not Fear Him -- Become Acutely Aware Of His Methods, But Not Be Preoccupied By Them
- Satan's Power Is Limited

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- We Do Not Fight For Victory; We Fight From Victory.
In Christ's Power We Are Invincible!
- (John 12:31 NIV) Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out.
- Col 2:14-15 NIV) having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross. (15) And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

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- We Need To Fight A Good Fight
- We Fight That Fight With Fervent Faith
- That Faith Is Birthed & Grown: On Our Knees ; In The Word; As A Part Of The Body In The Church
- **Rom 8:37 (NIV)** "No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us."

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The Fight Of Faith Is Answered By The Pouring Out From On High

➔ #3 -- The Fire Of Faith

- Elijah Makes A Challenge To The Prophets Of Baal, A Fiery Test
- They Are To Call On Their God
- He Will Call On His God, The Name Of The Lord
- The True God Is The God Who Answers By Fire; He Is God.

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- *Elijah Called Out To The Lord, He Said “Oh Lord God Of Abraham, Isaac And Israel, Let It Be Known Today That You Are God In Israel And That I Am Your Servant And Have Done These Things At Your Command”*
- **1 Kings 18:38–39 (NIV)** — 38 Then the fire of the LORD fell and burned up the sacrifice, the wood, the stones and the soil, and also licked up the water in the trench. 39 When all the people saw this, they fell prostrate and cried, “The LORD—he is God! The LORD—he is God!”

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- Elijah's Foundation Of Faith
- Led To His Walk Of Faith
- He Fought The Fight Of Faith And Received
- The Fire Of Faith

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- There Is A Fire Of God
- God's Presence / His Power / His Justice / and His Judgment Are All Symbolically Linked By Fire
- **(Acts 2:1- 3 NIV)** When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. (2) Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. (3) They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.

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- (Heb. 12:29) ... “Our God Is A Consuming Fire.”
- The Fire Of God Has All Of The Positive Effects Of Fire... And None Of The Negative To The People Of God Who Are In It...
- The Fire Of God Can Answer Some Of The Worlds Deepest Needs

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- In The Fire Of God, He Will Dismantle And Destroy That Which Stands Against The Freedom And Liberty Of His People
- The Fire Of God Will Not Defeat You -- It Will Make You
- God's Fire Will Bring God's Victories
- It Will Cause Him To Be Lifted Up And Glorified
- No Other God Can Save In This Way!!

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The Impact Of The Fire Of Faith Lead Him To Be Able To Pray

➔ #5 --Fervent Prayers Of Faith

- Elijah Says To Ahab “Go, Eat And Drink, For There Is The Sound Of A Heavy Rain.”
- He Is Basically Declaring: “The Drought Is Now Over And The Rain Is On Its Way.”
- Yet When They Looked In The Sky There Was No Sign Of Rain

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- Elijah Told His Servant: “Go Look And See What's Coming”
- 7 Times Elijah Said It Go Back And Look
- On The 7th Time The Servant Said I Saw Something Different
- There’s A Cloud As Small As A Man's Hand Rising From The Sea
- Elijah’s Fervent Faith Led Him To Fervent Prayer

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- What Was Elijah's Fervency In Prayer Built On?
- His Foundation --His Walk --His Fight --And Successive Victory By Fire --Led To His Fervent Prayers

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- Faith-fueled Persistent Prayer Is The Key To Breakthrough In Every Area Of Life
- There Are Two Ingredients Of Answered Prayer – Faith And Fervency
- We Must Ask In Faith -- It Is The Key To Access In The Kingdom Of God
- We Are To Pray With Fervency
- Fervency = A Degree Of Both Intensity And Persistence

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- We Keep On Praying Until The Door Is Opened And The Need Is Met
- As We Pray, We Stand On The Word – Until We Get A Breakthrough
- We Are Not Giving Up On The Edge Of A Breakthrough

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- Elijah Had To Pray 7 Times Before The Rains Came
- That Tell Us That Continual Coming To Him For Supply -- Does Not Bother God.
- God May Want You To Keep On Asking As An Exercise In Faith, Offering Prayer After Prayer. Before The Answer Comes

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- *“Praying persistently means that instead of worrying about a situation, we take it to God whenever it comes to mind, realizing that he is in control and will do what is best”*
THE FIRE BIBLE
- Are You Serious Enough About Wanting To Get Thru To God That You Will Back Up Your Desire With A Period Of Fasting And Serious Prayer -- Until You've Touched The Heart Of God?

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- 2024 Is A New Year -- It's Time For Some New Breakthrough's
- These are Times When To Be Persistent And Say "Lord, I'm Not Stopping Until I Know I Have A Breakthrough."
- These Are Times To Get Bold -- To Get Fervent

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- To Pray Fervently Is To Pray With All Earnestness
- It Doesn't Matter What Everybody Thinks
- We Need To Be Fervent and Ask Continually Until We Get Through