

# 8 keys to a more powerful prayer life in 2019

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## 1. "SLIP AWAY" TO PRAY

**Luke 5:16 (AMP) "But Jesus Himself would often slip away to the wilderness and pray."**

- 1.1 When you are exhausted or burdened or in need of spiritual refreshment, "slip away" to pray.
- 1.2 Prayer plugs us into the power, perception, and purpose that can only be found in God's presence.

## 2. HOW SHOULD WE PRAY?

**Matthew 6:9-13 "This, then, is how you should pray: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one."**

- 2.1. The Lord's prayer is an example of how to pray and not simply a ritualistic prayer.

## 3. 8 KEYS TO A MORE POWERFUL PRAYER LIFE:

- 3.1. Know to whom you are speaking.
- 3.2. Thank Him in Jesus Name.

**Psalm 100:4 "Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his NAME."**

- 3.3. Ask for God's will.
- 3.4. Say what you need.

**Matthew 7:7-8 (ESV) "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened,"**

- 3.5. Ask for forgiveness.

**James 4:10 "Humble yourselves before the LORD, and He will exalt you,"**

- 3.6. Spiritual Warfare should be a way of life.
- 3.7. Pray the Word.

**Matthew 4:4 “Man shall not live by bread alone”**

- 3.8. Memorize Scripture.

**Psalm 1:2-3 “Those who delight in the word of the Lord and meditate on it day and night, That person is like a tree planted by stream of water and leaves will not wither and whatever they do prospers.”**

**Joshua 1:8 “Keep the Law always on your lips; Meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.”**

### **Sermon Discussion Guide**

**OPEN YOUR GROUP WITH A PRAYER. THIS IS ONLY A GUIDE – SELECT THE POINTS YOU WANT TO DISCUSS.**

1. Do you desire to spend time with God?
2. Do you “slip away” to pray when times get tough?
3. Do you ask God for the things you need?
4. When you pray, do you only ask God to give you what you want or do you also ask Him to show you the things He wants for you?