

# PRAYER AND ACTION

## Discussion Questions 05 03 2026

**Intro:** This week we saw so many ways that people act before praying. Kevin was pretty open in what he's been dealing with God. Struggling to truly ask boldly for answers that seem trivial. Not asking God for answers can lead to so much unnecessary pain. What's one time you tried to "answer your own prayer" before ever asking God?

### Discussion Questions

1. Looking at the five "Action Without Prayer" stories (Gibeonites, Saul, Asa, David, Abraham & Sarah), which one feels most like a mirror to your own life right now? What emotion rises up when you see yourself in that story?
2. The message says acting without prayer always leads to deception, loss, or long-term pain. Which of the five examples surprised you the most, and why? What practical lesson about timing or trust is God highlighting to your mind this week?
3. Jesus and the disciples prayed in the spirit of the Lord's Prayer and saw angels strengthen them, the Holy Spirit shake a room, the dead raised, and thousands fed. Where in your soul do you need to believe that God still answers prayers like that in 2026? What part of the Lord's Prayer - Father, kingdom, daily bread, forgiveness, protection, feels hardest for you to truly mean right now?
4. The personal application section lists five areas to pray for: daily provision, God's will, forgiveness, protection, boldness. Which one of those five do you sense God is inviting you to act on with your hands and feet this week? What is one small, practical step you will take after praying?
5. The message ends with the truth that "Prayer is not the opposite of action — it is the power for it." What is one area in your life right now where you have been running ahead of God? How will praying like Jesus change the way you move in that area this week?

Let's Pray!

**Thanksgiving** - Finish this sentence: "Father, thank You that even when I run ahead, You still..." .

**Surrender** – Together, pray the Lord's Prayer Matthew 6:9-13 pause after each line, let God speak.

**Bold Request** – "Father, give me the courage this week to pray first, believe 100%, and then act in Your power. In Jesus' name, Amen."

This week, before you act on **anything** important: a decision, a conversation, a worry, or even a simple task, pause and pray one line from the Lord's Prayer out loud first. Then step out in faith.