

ASK -SEEK -PRAY

PART 1 “Ask”

John 14:13-14 And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

PUT IT IN CONTEXT: Chapter 14-16

Chapter 14 starts off..... Don't let your hearts be troubled!
I am going to prepare a place for you..... I am the way, the truth and the Life!

THEN

John 14:12-14 Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

THEN THE REST OF THE CHAPTER IS ABOUT THE PROMISED HOLY SPIRIT!

Rolls into Chapter 15: The Vine & The Branches.....

-APART FROM ME, YOU CAN DO NOTHING!

John 15:16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you.

Verses 18-25- The world will hate you!

Verses 26-27 -The Holy Spirit will give you power to testify about me!

THEN: CHAPTER 16

John 16:1-3 “All this I have told you so that you will not fall away. ² They will put you out of the synagogue; in fact, the time is coming when anyone who kills you will think they are

offering a service to God. ³ They will do such things because they have not known the Father or me.

John 16:7 But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.

JESUS IS LETTING THEM KNOW ABOUT HIS CRUCIFIXION!

John 16:16-19 Jesus went on to say, “In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me.” ¹⁷ At this, some of his disciples said to one another, “What does he mean by saying, ‘In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me,’ and ‘Because I am going to the Father’?” ¹⁸ They kept asking, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We don’t understand what he is saying.”

John 16:23-27 In that day you will no longer ask me anything. Very truly I tell you, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name.²⁴ Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.²⁵ “Though I have been speaking figuratively, a time is coming when I will no longer use this kind of language but will tell you plainly about my Father. ²⁶ In that day you will ask in my name. I am not saying that I will ask the Father on your behalf. ²⁷ No, the Father himself loves you because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God.

JESUS WAS THE BRIDGE BETWEEN US AND GOD!

John 16:33 "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

CHAPTER 17 -Jesus prays for HIMSELF.....THEN THE DISCIPLES.....THEN ALL BELIEVERS

CHAPTER 18 -Jesus is arrested! Starts the crucifixion process!

BIG PICTURE.....4 TIMES JESUS SAID THE EXACT SAME THING!

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NOTICE OVER AND OVER: “ASK IN MY NAME” IN MY CHARACTER!

-DEFINITION OF ASK: TO MAKE A REQUEST OR PETITION

Theologian John Stott (Church of England) 2005 Time Magazine top 100 most influential people!

“Prayer is not a convenient device for imposing our will upon God, or for bending His will to ours, but the prescribed way of subordinating our will to His”

In the midst of all of these passages about “ASKING” is John 15

John 15:4-5 Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. ⁵“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

THERE IS POWER IN PRAYING IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOD’S WILL!!!!

WHAT CAN WE ASK FOR?

1 Chronicles 4:9-10 Jabez was more honorable than his brothers. His mother had named him Jabez, saying, “I gave birth to him in pain.”¹⁰ Jabez cried out to the God of Israel,

“Oh, that you would bless me and enlarge my territory! Let your hand be with me, and keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain.” And God granted his request.

Jabez never talks about his pain..... most of us talk first about our pain.

Instead.....seek first His Kingdom.....THEN all these things!

Focus on what God wants and he will focus on what your need!

4 THINGS WE ALL CAN PRAY FOR! “IN JESUS NAME”

1. Pray for BLESSING!

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Hebrew: tselach- prosper

Means I can only go this far on my own.....then God pushes you forward to a place you couldn't ever go by yourself

Psalm 5:12 Surely, Lord, you bless the righteous; you surround them with your favor as with a shield.

If you just pray for your needs...God will meet your needs.

If you pray for prosperity, God will meet your needs and your overflow will help others!!

Gen 26:12-13 Isaac planted crops in that land and the same year reaped a hundredfold, because the Lord blessed him. ¹³ The man became rich, and his wealth continued to grow until he became very wealthy.

Ask God to do more!!! God loves that so much!

Don't limit your God! Don't insult His power by not asking

Ephesians 3:20 Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us,

2. Pray for INFLUENCE! (Enlarge my territory)

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If you have blessing....now you need a place to put it

Lord use me to make an eternal impact on other people's lives!

Use your life experience and even your pain....to impact on others!

3. Pray for PRESENCE!

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4. Pray for PROTECTION Keep me from EVIL

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KEEP ME FROM HARM!!! (DELIVER ME FROM EVIL)

1 Peter 5:8 Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

-Ephesians 6 talks about the ARMOR OF GOD!

Psalm 3:1-3 A psalm of David. When he fled from his son Absalom.

¹ Lord, how many are my foes! How many rise up against me! ² Many are saying of me, “God will not deliver him.” ³ But you, Lord, are a shield around me, my glory, the One who lifts my head high.

PRACTICAL! 21 DAYS OF PRAYER!

ASK EVERY DAY: BLESSING, INFLUENCE, PRESENCE, PROTECTION

NEXT 3 WEEKS: SEEK.....PRAY FOR.....PRAY FORWARD!

