



Message Series Guide

Without Ceasing

Part 7 – Praying the Scripture

Selected Scriptures

We believe the scriptures are the very words of God. According to the New Testament, all of God's words were breathed out by the Spirit into the lives of the biblical writers so that they could write them down. When you want to be sure that your prayers are tried, true, flawless, and acceptable to God, the guaranteed way for that to be the case is to pray the words of God back to Him. In situations you don't know how to get through, in moments you don't understand, in victory, or trial, or pain, you have been given the invitation to breathe in the very words of God that were divinely breathed out for you, and then deliver those words right back to the throne room of heaven. Every single believer on the planet has been given the very words and promises of God to pray right back to Him.

READ:

2 Samuel 22:29-31 • Psalm 12:6 • Acts 4:24-26 • 2 Corinthians 1:20 • Mark 14:36

- What do you believe about the Bible's accuracy and truth? How does your belief about the Word of God impact your prayer life, especially regarding praying the Scriptures back to our Heavenly Father?
- **Acts 4:24-26** is an example of the early church praying the Old Testament Scriptures in praise to God for His faithfulness. As you look at these verses, why do you think they serve well as a prayer of thanksgiving to speak back to the Lord? What other Scriptures serve as good passages to pray back to God?
- Praying the promises of God is a powerful way to speak God's truth for you back to the Father. Look at the following verses and find the promises that each one gives. **Ezekiel 36:26 • Psalm 51:10-12 • Psalm 103:12 • James 1:5 • Proverbs 2:1-5**. What does it mean that all of God's promises are "Yes and Amen in Christ Jesus?" What is your favorite promise from God's Word?
- Discuss the 3 steps of praying the Scriptures: **Read it; Personalize it (to your situation), Pray it back to God**. As a group, give an example of using this process to pray a Scriptural promise back to God.
- **Read Mark 14:36** In this verse, Jesus modeled for us the most powerful prayer we can pray as children of God. What was that prayer, and why did Jesus pray it? Has there ever been a time or situation when you have had to pray this prayer (or similar words) to the Lord? Share your experience with the group.

DISCUSS:

- Discuss a time or "season of life" when you were unable to find the passion or words to pray? How does praying the Scriptures help us in similar situations?
- How is praying God's Word related to praying God's will? Discuss how praying the truths and promises of God gives us confidence in our prayer life?
- George Muller said, "The vigor of our spiritual life will be in exact proportion to the place held by the Bible in our life and thoughts." How does this statement challenge you with your personal approach to prayer and the Scriptures?

PRAY:

Pray that you would not only read the Word of God, but that you would also stand on its promises every day.

RESPOND:

Make a commitment to identify one or two promises in God's Word that are relevant for a situation you are currently facing. Personalize those promises for your situation. Pray those promises back to your Father.