

# RADICAL PRAYER

"Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus clear the way for us to come to you. May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones."

1 Thessalonians 3:10-13 (NIV)

#### 1. PRAY FREQUENTLY

"Pray all the time." 1 Thessalonians 5:17 (MSG)

"Pray at all times and on every occasion in the power of the Holy Spirit." Ephesians 6:18 (NLT)

"Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up."

Luke 18:1 (NIV)

Exercise: Pray the first 2 minutes

# 2. PRAY PASSIONATELY

"When you pray, don't be like those show-offs who love to stand up and pray in the meeting places and on the street corners. They do this just to look good. I can assure you that they already have their reward."

Matthew 6:5 (CEV)

"In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express."

Romans 8:26 (NIV)

#### Exercises:

- Pray out loud.
- Pray through the Psalms

# 3. PRAY SPECIFICALLY

"Keep on asking, and you will be given what you ask for. Keep on looking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened."

Matthew 7:7 (NLT)

"So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it."

Hebrews 4:16 (NLT)

"From now on, whatever you request along the lines of who I am and what I am doing, I'll do it. That's how the Father will be seen for who he is in the Son."

John 14:13 (MSG)

# **Exercises:**

- 1) PRAY FOR GOD TO REMOVE OBSTACLES May God clear the way
- 2) PRAY FOR GOD TO <u>INCREASE LOVE</u> May the Lord make your love increase
- 3) PRAY FOR <u>PERSONAL GROWTH</u>
  May he strengthen your hearts
- 4) PRAY FOR GOD'S GREATEST WILL So that you will be blameless and holy
- 5) PRAY WITH THE END IN MIND When our Lord Jesus comes

"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, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen."

Ephesians 3:20-21 (NIV)