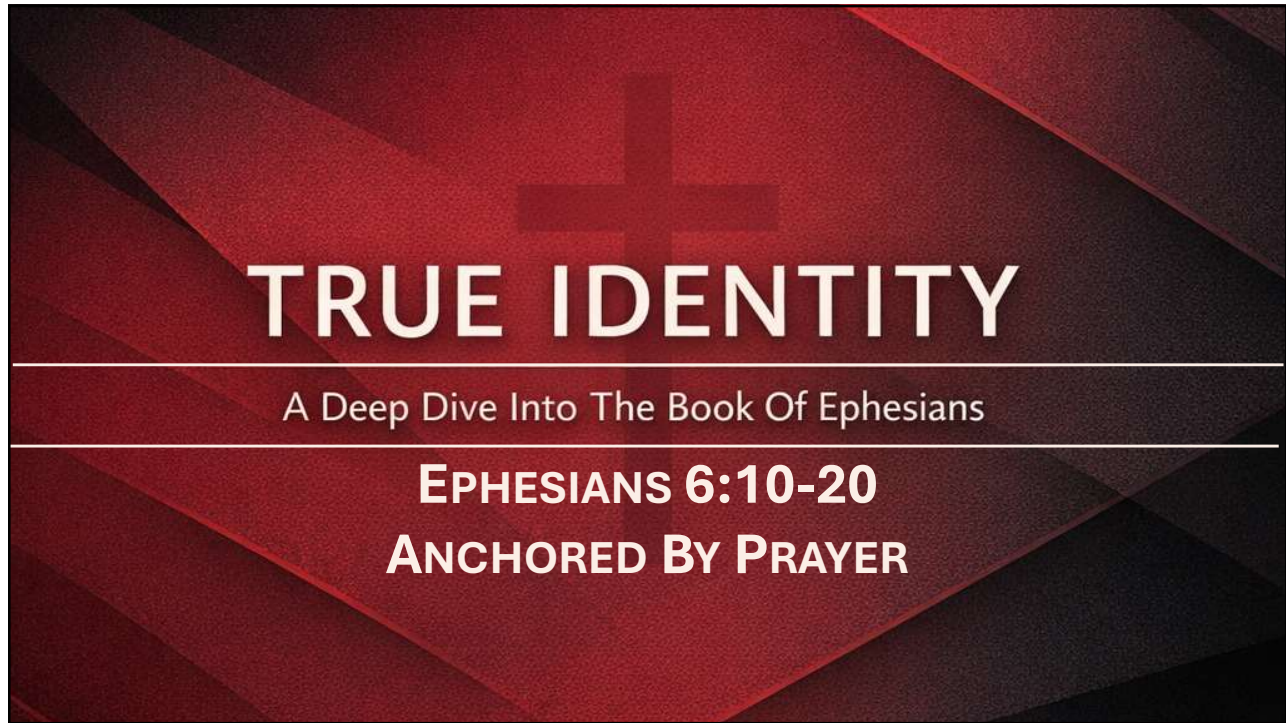
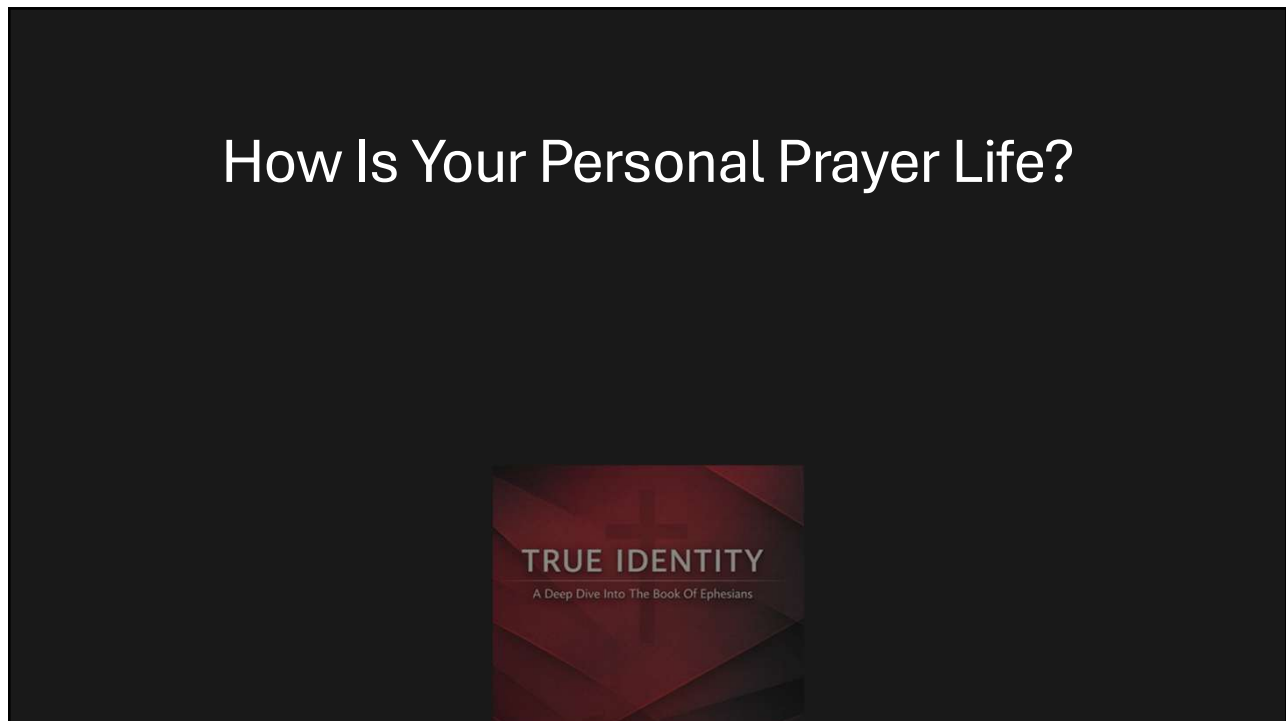




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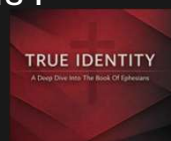
Ephesians 6:10–20

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. Stand therefore, having



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fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

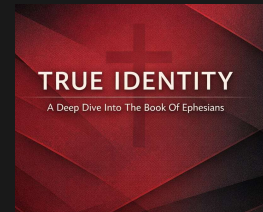


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PERSISTENCE OF PRAYER

The Spiritual Armor Of God

- Rooted in prayer
- Taken up by prayer
- Fueled through prayer
- Impacts prayer



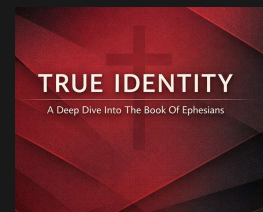
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PERSISTENCE OF PRAYER

The Spiritual Armor Of God

Spiritual Battles Continue

- Believers not praying does not stop the spiritual forces of evil
- Spiritual warfare only has two sides
 - Satan's side
 - Deceived, callus hearts to the gospel
 - Spiritual dead
 - God's side
 - Indwelled with the Holy Spirit
 - Eternally alive



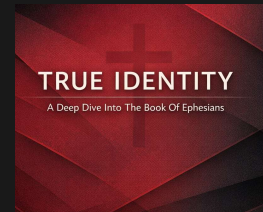
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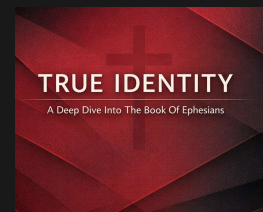
- Believers not praying does not stop the spiritual forces of evil
- Spiritual warfare only has two sides
- The victory
 - Satan is a loser
 - Jesus won the victory through the cross and resurrection
 - Lost can be saved
 - Saved cannot be lost



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Ephesians 2:1–3

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the flesh and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

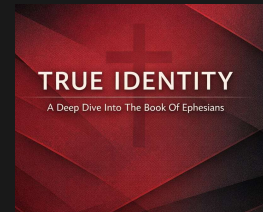


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PERSISTENCE OF PRAYER

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Spiritual Battles Continue
At All Times...

- Prayer is not based on convenience
- Prayer is not based primarily on urgency of need
- Prayer is not based on instructing God with the hows
- Prayer is not based on our wants for personal satisfaction

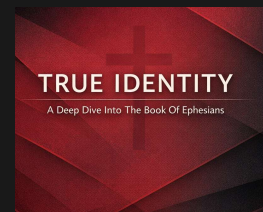


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PARTICIPATION IN PRAYER

Prayer Led By The Holy Spirit

- Requires walking by the Spirit - Galatians 5:25
If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.

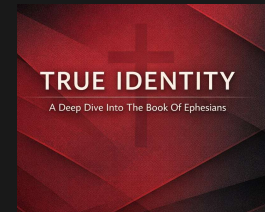


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- Requires walking by the Spirit - Galatians 5:25
- Following Christ's commands - John 14:12–17

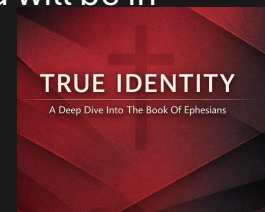


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John 14:12–17

“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.”

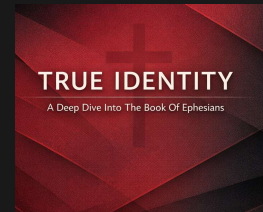


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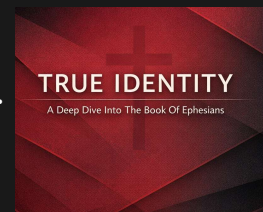
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- The will of the Father - Romans 8:26–30



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Romans 8:26–30

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.



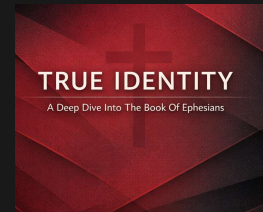
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Prayer Led By The Holy Spirit

Prayer's Priority

- Praising God
- Repenting to God
- Pursuing God's will and ways



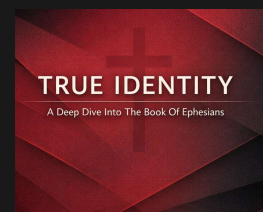
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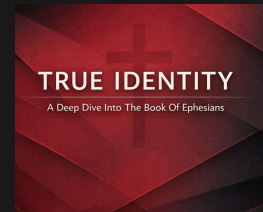
Prayer's Place – Hebrews 4:14-16



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Hebrews 4:14–16

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.



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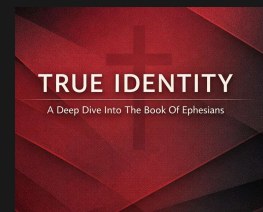
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Prayer's Priority

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- When believers pray, we approach the holy throne of God
- Only possible because of our Jesus
- Dependency on Jesus
- Confidence in Jesus

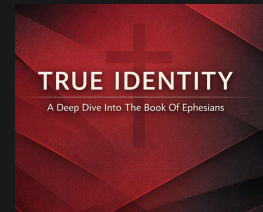


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POWER OF PRAYER

Begins With...

- Focus on God's will and His kingdom
- Humility and surrender to God
- Request to God



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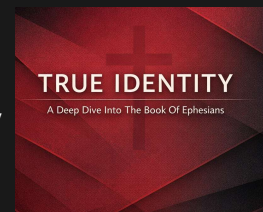
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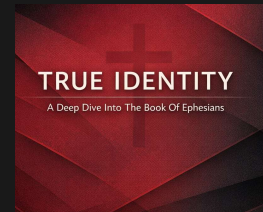
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Begins With...

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- Pray for ALL the saints



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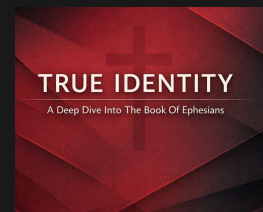
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Begins With...

Do Not Neglect

Remember God's Plan

- The gospel to be declared
- Work of the Holy Spirit
- Commanded to declare
- Boldly
- Make known the mystery of God's love
- Remember who you are in Christ



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READY TO PRAY?

