



Prayer, Power, & Purpose

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- II Chronicles 7:13 & 14 “When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command locusts to devour the land or send a plague among my people, ¹⁴ **if my people**, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and **I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.**
- The whole story – chapters 5-7
- “my people” perspective - The story of Nunavik

God's Prayer Recipe

- Daniel's prayer - Daniel 6:10 --Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before.
- Power over liars and lions

Daniel Prayer

- ³⁷ Answer me, Lord, answer me, so these people will know that you, Lord, are God, and that **you are turning their hearts back again.**”
- ³⁸ Then the fire of the Lord fell and burned up the sacrifice, the wood, the stones and the soil, and also licked up the water in the trench.
- ³⁹ When all the people saw this, they fell prostrate and cried, “The Lord—he is God! The Lord—he is God!”

Elijah Prayer

I Kings 18: 37-39

- My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who **will believe in me** through their message, ²¹ that all of them **may be one**, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so **that the world may believe** that you have sent me. ²² I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one

Jesus' prayer

John 17: 20-22

- But you will **receive power** when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you **will be my witnesses** in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”
- Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴ They all **joined together constantly in prayer**, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.
- ⁴ **All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit** and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Power birthed in prayer

Acts 1:8; 13& 14; Acts 2

- John 15: 16 & 17 – “I chose you and ordained you –”
- Acts 16 – Power & purpose in prison -- in spite of pain and darkness-- transformed families, - Europe’s first church!
- Unending purpose - Philippians 1: 12 & 13; 4: 21 & 22
- A church built on prayer – Brooklyn Tabernacle
- Lifestyle of prayerful, powerful, purposeful people – Acts 2:42-47

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