PRAYER THAT CHANGES THE WORLD 1 - PRAYER THAT CHANGES US

I. EVERY BELIEVER PRAYS

Psalm 18:6 *In my distress I called upon the LORD,*
And cried out to my God;
He heard my voice from His temple,
And my cry came before Him, even to His ears.

Prov. 15:29 The LORD *is* far from the wicked,
But He hears the prayer of the righteous.

A. MY HISTORY WITH PRAYER

- **MY SECRET PLACE - Ps. 46:10 -** *"Be still and know that I am God" Prayer is mostly listening. The most Interesting Person in Universe is willing to spend time with us.*

- **LEADING THE YOUTH PRAYER MINISTRY** *- As a new Believer, I learned not everybody prays.*

- **PRAYER & SHARE -** *TESTIMONIES, MIRACLES, Don't let go of mic.*

- **I REMEMBER YOUTH RETREATS WITH THE ENTIRE ROOM ON THEIR FACE CRYING OUT TO GOD FOR REVIVAL**

- **24 HOUR PRAYER CENTER -** *in the mid 70's we received a prophetic word to have continual intercession for the Nations. I have known many such places since. But that was the first one I know of.*

- **JOY DAWSON AND CAMPBELL McALPINE** *- Hearing God's voice, prophetic Intercession and obedience to HOLY SPIRIT*

Col. 3:1 *If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.* ***2*** ***Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.*** ***3*** *For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.* ***4*** *When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.*

B. WHAT PRAYER IS

1. **PRAYER IS DIRECT, PERSONAL COMMUNICATION WITH THE GOD OF THE UNIVERSE.** *Prayer is talking to God*

- **The Westminster Larger Catechism:** *"Prayer is an offering up of our desires unto God, in the name of Christ, by the help of his Spirit; with confession of our sins, and thankful acknowledgement of his mercies" (WLC 178)*

C. THE ACRONYM FOR PRAYER - A.C.T.S.

1. **ADORATION** *- Praise and Worship*

Ps. 96:8 *Give to the LORD the glory due His name; Bring an offering, and come into His courts.* ***9*** *Oh, worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness! Tremble before Him, all the earth.*

2. **CONFESSION -** *We come to Him in Humility and honesty*

1 John 1:9 *If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

3. **THANKSGIVING -** *Gratitude brings us into His presence*

Ps. 100:4 *Enter into His gates with thanksgiving,*
And into His courts with praise.
Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.
5 *For the LORD is good;*
His mercy is everlasting,
And His truth endures to all generations.

4. **SUPPLICATION** *- We make our needs and requests know to Him*

Phil. 4:6 *Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;* ***7*** *and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*
***PLUS*:**

5. **INTERCESSION - 2 Chron. 7:14** *Humble, pray, seek, turn - then I will*

hear, forgive, heal their land

6. WAITING - Ps. 46:10

7. INTERACTING WITH DIVINE ACTIVITY - Eph. 2:4-6

II. SUPERNATURAL EVENTS SHOULD HAPPEN WHEN WE PRAY

A. YOUR PRAYERS ARE POWERFUL AND EFFECTIVE

1. THE MISSION - KEITH FERRANTE DANO McCALLUM'S CHURCH *- ABDUCTED AND TRAFFICKED CHILDREN FOUND THROUGH PROPHETIC REVELATION*

2. WORLD EVENTS REQUIRE THAT CHRISTIANS PRAY

- **DO WE PRAY EXPECTING SOMETHING TO HAPPEN WHEN WE PRAY OR DO WE JUST CHECK A BOX FOR DEVOTION?**

3. FERVENT PRAYER SHOULD ALWAYS BE OUR RESPONSE TO SPIRITUALLY URGENT TIMES. *INDICATOR OF SPIRITUAL HEALTH*

B. PRAYERS THAT CHANGE THE WORLD - THREE WAYS TO PRAY

1. PRAYER AS A TRANSACTION *- Let's make a deal!*

Matt. 7:7 *"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.* ***8*** *For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.* ***9*** *Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone?* ***10*** *Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent?* ***11*** *If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!*

2. PRAYER FROM SONSHIP *- We pray from our Identity as sons of God. Sons can ask their Father for stuff. They have access and they have favor. Sons are a priority*

Rom. 8:12 *Therefore, brethren, we are debtors—not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh.* ***13*** *For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if*

by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ***14*** *For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.* ***15*** *For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."* ***16*** *The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,* ***17*** *and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.*

3. **PRAYER AS A UNION -** *We are united with Christ as one Spirit.*

ILLUSTRATION - The "work" of prayer vs. the rest of operating as a Christian from within Christ. *"Christ is in me and I am in Christ. I am one with Christ. In Christ there is no sickness. I now receive health and life."*

1Cor. 6:17 But he who is joined to the Lord is **one spirit** *with Him.*

John 17:20 *"I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word;* ***21*** ***that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us,*** *that the world may believe that You sent Me.* ***22*** *And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one:* ***23*** ***I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me****.*

John 15:5 *"I am the vine, you are the branches.* ***He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.***

Col. 2:9 NLT *For in Christ lives all the fullness of God in a human body.*[a] ***10*** *So* ***you also are complete through your union with Christ,*** *who is the head over every ruler and authority.*

III. LET'S PRAY! - *THE BEST WAY TO LEARN TO PRAY IS TO PRAY!*

THE NIGHT WATCH - *Expanding our Prayer Life. Willing to pray as Holy Spirit wakes us. Willing to dream, willing to partner with God. Agree*

Psa. 119:148 My eyes are awake through the ***night*** **watches**, That I may meditate on Your word.