

## WHY KEEP PRAYING?

Last week we answered the question... Why Pray? Today we are asking the question, why keep praying?

**Ephesians 3:20**- Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us,...(NKJV)

### God is dependable

Why keep praying? Because God is able... exceeding, abundant, above...

**Q** Does God have all power? ... Is He really the supreme ruler in the universe?

**Q** Do we believe it?

**Romans 4:21** - <sup>20</sup> He (Abraham) did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, <sup>21</sup> and being **fully convinced** that what He had promised He was also **able to perform**. (NKJV)

**2 Timothy 1:12-14** - **I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able** to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day.... <sup>14</sup> That good thing which was committed to you, keep by the Holy Spirit who dwells in us. (NKJV)

**Jude 24** Now unto him that is **able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless** before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,... (KJV)

**Job 13:15**-Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him: but I will maintain mine own ways before him. (KJV)

There is a time to let our conviction speak even if circumstance is not on our side

- When we are in a solitary or a dry place... **that we choose** to be persuaded... **choose to say Yes**. Even if our answer never comes the way that we had hoped, we believe He is still able.

Yes I believe **He is able** to do exceedingly abundantly above all we may as or think

## God has made a deposit in us

What is the power that is working in us? It is the presence of the Holy Spirit. It is God in us.

**Deposited... in us ...according to the power that works in us...**

- **God is able to do exceeding, abundant, above ACCORDING to the power that works IN us... According = measurement... to measure out...**
- **Q** Are we drawing on the deposit?
- **Q** How often am I consciously activating His presence in the natural community he has placed me in?

**John 7:37-39** On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. 38 He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, **out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.**" 39 But this He spoke concerning the Spirit...(NKJV)

**TCC- Is the river flowing out of my life? Is there a conscious awareness of His presence in and about the situations and circumstances I find myself in.**

Why keep praying? ...because He is depend**ABLE**

## There is a deployment

**Revelation 8:3-5** – Another angel, who had a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. **He was given much incense to offer, with the prayers of all God’s people**, on the golden altar in front of the throne. <sup>4</sup> **The smoke of the incense, together with the prayers of God’s people**, went up before God from the angel’s hand. <sup>5</sup> Then the angel took the censer, **filled it with fire from the altar, and hurled it on the earth...** (NIV)

Why keep praying? Because God’s active presence is on your prayers.

**Q** When was the last time you waited on the Lord?

**Q** Why did **Elijah pray 7 times**... for rain when God already said it would rain?

**Q** Why did **Daniel pray for 21** days after His answer was already prophesied by Jeremiah...

**Q** Why did **Jesus fast** and pray 40 days?

TCC- when was the last time you waited on the lord... they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.

To “wait” is to set an ambush... let’s set an ambush for the anointing... for the Spirit ... for the answer...

**Consider the power of the flow of the Spirit that is presently working in us... intended to flow out of us**

**Mark 16:17-18** – And these signs **will follow those who believe**: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; <sup>18</sup> they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.” (NKJV)

**Acts 1:8** 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.” (NIV)

**Q** Why keep praying? Unleash His power in the earth to free people

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

Q. How does God's dependability affect our every day life?

Q. When was the last time you waited on the Lord? How long did you wait?

Q. How do we keep the river of living water flowing out of our life?