



WORDS  MATTER

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Dear Friend,

Welcome to Connect 21 Prayer School! Class is in session. For the next 3 weeks, we will explore the power of words in prayer. We encourage you to pay close attention, as many things will be taught, but some must be “caught” with the attitude of faith!

This study is designed to enrich your understanding of prayer, faith, and the power of words. It provides a practical and insightful exploration of the right use of words in prayer for effective communication with God.

Through this study, your faith will grow, your prayer life will be ignited, and your heart will awaken to the life-changing truth that ***Words Matter!***



WEEK ONE

Prayer & Faith



Week 1 - Prayer School

Have faith in God's _____.

John 1:1

"In the beginning was the Word, the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

Numbers 23:19

"God is not a man, so he does not lie. He is not human, so he does not change his mind. Has he ever spoken and failed to act? Has he ever promised and not carried it through?"

God's Word can be _____.

Isaiah 55:10-11

"For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."

Have Faith in God's _____.

Faith _____ where the will of God is _____.

God is not a man, so He does not lie. He is not human, so He does not change his mind. Has He ever spoken and failed to act? Has He ever promised and not carried it through?

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of His Words fall to the ground. God is telling Jeremiah, "I'm alert, attentive, and actively watching to make sure that what I've spoken comes to pass."

Faith Produces _____ in Prayer

Hebrews 4:12

"Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."

The Throne

- _____ — the seat of power and authority.
- _____ — the place from which decrees are made.
- _____ — only those favored by the King are invited near.

Romans 5:2

"by whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God."

Faith in prayer allows us to approach the throne of God, boldly, knowing it is our Father on the throne.

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James 1:3-4

“Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.”

- Trials test _____; waiting strengthens _____.
- Faith to wait produces _____.

Psalms 130:5

“I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait, and in his word do I hope.”

Faith anchors waiting in God’s Word. We don’t wait blindly — we wait on the promises of Scripture.

Micah 7:7

“Therefore, I will look unto the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation: my God will hear me.”

THREE BENEFITS OF WAITING ON THE LORD:

1. Waiting on the Lord _____ us.

Isaiah 40:31

“But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint.”

Waiting on the Lord gives us renewed strength and endurance. It empowers

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us to continue our spiritual journey without growing weary, no matter how long the process takes.

2. Waiting on the Lord _____ us.

o Psalms 27:14

“Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord.”

Waiting brings encouragement and courage. Even when situations are uncertain or delays seem long, trusting God strengthens our hearts and fortifies our resolve.

3. Waiting on the Lord produces _____ within us.

James 1:3-4

“Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.”

Waiting on the Lord produces patience within us. By enduring trials and trusting God’s timing, our faith develops fully, and we become spiritually complete.

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WEEK TWO

Prayer Declares

Week 2 - Prayer School

FOUNDATION TEXT

Mark 11:22-24 NKJV

“So Jesus answered and said to them, “Have faith in God. For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.”

INTRODUCTION

Prayer is not a passive, religious exercise, but a powerful, spiritual exercise which enables us to be effective witnesses for Christ in the world. God spoke this world into existence through faith-filled words.

When we allow our mouths to be filled with God’s Word, we can change our world with His Words.

Tonight, we will unpack the importance of praying with authority to remove obstacles, overcome challenges, and impact this world through prayer that declares.

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Prayer

There are times when we are unable to pray out loud. Maybe we are going through a difficult time, we don't have the words to say, and we are praying quietly to ourselves - I believe God sees the heart, hears the unspoken cry, and knows our thoughts before we speak them.

1 Samuel 1:12-13

"And it came to pass, as she continued praying before the Lord, that Eli observed her mouth. Now Hannah spoke in her heart; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard. Therefore, Eli thought she had been drunken"

Psalms 19:14

"Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord." God can hear the words of our mouth and see the meditations of our heart. There are times when we do not have the opportunity to give voice to our prayers, or they are quiet, nonetheless effective.

Prayer

However, the scriptures also emphasize the power of spoken words in prayer. Faith is not just believing, it is declaring!

Job 22:28

"Thou shalt also decree a thing, and it shall be established unto thee: and the light shall shine upon thy ways."

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“Decree” in this verse comes from the Hebrew root: **gazar** (pronounced gaw-zar)

Decree means:

To cut, divide, or decide; To determine, to issue a decree, to speak or declare something that establishes a boundary or outcome

- When we “decree” in prayer we are not commanding God but rather _____ with His Word.
- When we “decree” in prayer we are speaking God’s Word forth with _____.
- Prayer is not _____. It is a spiritual weapon against the kingdom of darkness.

Matthew 11:12

“And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.”

The Kingdom of God is being violently opposed by hostile forces; yet, those who enter it must do so with zeal and determined effort. The “violent” are those who passionately and forcefully pursue God’s purposes, refusing to be passive in their faith. We are called to maintain the victory Jesus secured at Calvary—advancing His Kingdom and taking territory for God in every sphere of influence: on college

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3. Words carry _____ power.

Proverbs 18:21

“Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.”

What you declare in prayer is what you will see manifest in your life - if you will hold fast to what you said.

(Heb.10:23)

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PRAYER - FAITH - FOCUS

2 Chronicles 20:12

“O our God, wilt thou not judge them? for we have no might against this great company that cometh against us; neither know we what to do: but our eyes are upon thee.”

1. Faith acknowledges human _____.

- Jehoshaphat didn't pretend to have the answers. He openly confessed, "We have no might... neither know we what to do."
- Faith doesn't deny life's challenges but _____ total dependence upon God.
- True faith begins where _____ ends.

about your body, what you shall put on. Is not life greater [in quality] than food, and the body [far above and more excellent] than clothing?

Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father keeps feeding them. Are you not worth much more than they?

And who of you by worrying and being anxious can add one unit of measure (cubit) to his stature or to the span of his life?

And why should you be anxious about clothes? Consider the lilies of the field and learn thoroughly how they grow; they neither toil nor spin.

Yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his magnificence (excellence, dignity, and grace) was not arrayed like one of these.

But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and green and tomorrow is tossed into the furnace, will He not much more surely clothe you, O you of little faith?

Therefore do not worry and be anxious, saying, What are we going to have to eat? or, What are we going to have to

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WEEK THREE

Believe You Receive



Week 3 - Prayer School



FOUNDATION TEXT

Mark 11:22-24 NKJV

“So Jesus answered and said to them, “Have faith in God. For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.”

INTRODUCTION

Are you believing God for something right now? What is the desire of your heart? What would you like to see God manifest in your life?

In this session, we will uncover the power of believing and receiving in prayer. We will learn how to lay hold of what we desire before it manifests. Faith doesn’t wait to see the evidence before declaring the victory; faith boldly says, “I have it now!” regardless of what it sees, feels, or understands.

Mark 11:24

“Therefore, I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.”

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• **Isaiah 40:31 (KJV)**

“But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.”

• **Psalms 27:14 (KJV)**

“Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord.”

Courage and inner strength come as we wait expectantly.

• **Lamentations 3:25 (KJV)**

“The Lord is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him.”

Waiting with a seeking heart attracts God’s goodness and favor.

Number Two: _____

The word hāgāh literally means:

“To mutter, to murmur, to utter, to ponder, to imagine, to speak under one’s breath.

Meditation carries the idea of speaking softly or rehearsing something repeatedly, not just thinking silently. So, in biblical meditation, you are not emptying your mind (as in Eastern meditation) but filling it through speaking,

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thinking, and muttering God’s Word continually until it shapes your thoughts, speech, and actions.

• **Psalms 1:2-4**

“But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.”

• **Joshua 1:8**

“This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous and then thou shalt have good success.”

Number Three: _____

Unforgiveness _____ answers to prayer.

Faith works by _____ (Gal. 5:6)

• **Mark 11:25**

“And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.”

Forgiveness opens the door to answered prayer.

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_____ receiving in prayer

Believing you receive goes beyond the words of our natural prayers. We can also believe that we receive the things we pray for in the Spirit and then ask God for the interpretation. It all begins with being filled with the Holy Spirit.

Praying in other tongues is one of the greatest advantages the Lord Jesus Christ ever made available for believers. It is used supernaturally by the Spirit of God in many ways, one of which is the believer’s private prayer life and devotional life.

1 Corinthians 14:2, 4, 14-15

“For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries. He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself; but he that prophesieth edifieth the church. For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful. What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.”

When we pray in the Spirit we are praying beyond our _____, into the mind of Christ, getting answers to challenging questions.

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Praying in the Spirit is a heavenly language that gives you a _____ to God, in prayer.

1 Corinthians 2:9-10 NLT

“That is what the Scriptures mean when they say, ‘No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him.’ But it was to us that God revealed these things by his Spirit. For his Spirit searches out everything and shows us God’s deep secrets.”

To transfer the understanding, we need from our spirit into our mind as we are seeking the Lord for answers, we must act on:

1 Corinthians 14:13

“So anyone who speaks in tongues should pray also for the ability to interpret what has been said.”

As you pray in the Spirit and ask Him for the interpretation, the Lord will give you the answer you are seeking in usable form. The answer may manifest as the following:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

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Prayer for Interpretation of Tongues:

Father God in Jesus Name, I believe I receive the interpretation of the things I have been praying for in the Spirit, so that I know what God is speaking to me in this situation. Thank you for the words, the knowing, the clarity, the conviction to move in the direction you would have me go. I believe I can see clearly what the Holy Spirit is bringing to my spirit, and I will act in accordance with God's will.

The Spirit _____ Through Us

Romans 8:26-27

"Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God."

Paul's Example and Instruction

1 Corinthians 14:18-19, 39

"I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all: Yet in the church I had rather speak five words with my understanding, that by my voice I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue.

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Wherefore, brethren, covet to prophesy, and forbid not to speak with tongues. Paul valued tongues highly in private devotion while emphasizing understanding in public ministry — and he commanded, ‘do not forbid’ tongues.”

PRAYING IN THE SPIRIT HELPS US:

1. Tame our _____

o **James 3:5-8 NLT**

“In the same way, the tongue is a small thing that makes grand speeches. But a tiny spark can set a great forest on fire. And among all the parts of the body, the tongue is a flame of fire. It is a whole world of wickedness, corrupting your entire body. It can set your whole life on fire, for it is set on fire by hell itself. People can tame all kinds of animals, birds, reptiles, and fish, but no one can tame the tongue. It is restless and evil, full of deadly poison.”

• **The Holy Spirit helps the tongue become useful when we do the following:**

- o _____ our tongue - Begin by surrendering your words to God in prayer.
- o _____ often in the Spirit - The more you pray in the Spirit, the more aware you become of the Holy Spirit living within you.

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- _____ God’s Word - As your spirit is edified, your natural speech will begin to reflect His Word instead of fleshly reactions.
- Practice _____ - The Spirit strengthens your self-control (Galatians 5:23 – “temperance”), including control over your mouth.

The same tongue that once spoke fear, gossip, or unbelief can become a channel of intercession, praise, and prophecy when brought under the Spirit’s influence.

Man cannot tame the tongue, but when the Holy Spirit fills and uses it, it becomes sanctified, disciplined, and powerful for good.

Prayer

“Lord, I surrender my tongue to You. Fill me with Your Holy Spirit and let my words reflect Your will and purpose for my life.

Teach me to speak life, and to hold my tongue when my words are not positive, encouraging, or true.

Align my heart with Yours and let my speech bring You pleasure.

May my tongue be an instrument of blessing and a vessel of Your power. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

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