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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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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

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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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.”

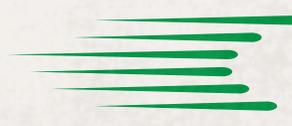
1. Faith acknowledges human _____.

- 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.

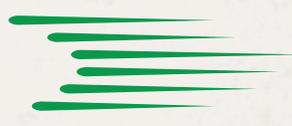


WEEK THREE

Believe You Receive



Week 3 - Prayer School



shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For everyone that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?"

When we petition God in prayer we should:

- Approach Him _____ — knowing you have access through Christ.
- Present _____ requests — not vague or emotional, but specific and faith-filled.
- Base it on His _____ — reminding God of His promises.
- Expect God to _____ — because faith believes that He hears and answers.

FOUR KEYS TO RECEIVING FROM GOD

Number One: _____

To receive from God, we must learn to wait in faith, not in frustration — trusting His timing, guidance, and faithfulness.

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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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- _____ 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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