

## Between the Lines: A Journey in Prayer

### Scripture Reading: Psalm 51:10-12 | Daniel 6:1

It was Daniel's practice, three times a day, to go to an upstairs room in his apartment, open the windows facing Jerusalem, get down on his knees, and pray to the one true God. No doubt, Daniel prayed at other times also. He probably prayed throughout the day. But there were these special times, set aside times, where it was his priority to meet with God in prayer. In fact, it was such a priority to Daniel that when the king passed a decree that for the next thirty days people could only pray to the king, Daniel was unfazed. "No way." Daniel may have been an important official in Darius' kingdom, but when the king's law (don't pray) conflicted with God's Law (pray), the choice was clear. Daniel just kept right on praying.

In the Bible we have read many accounts of how prayer changed people and/or situations, which was the result of God's Word being spoken back to Him. Basically, praying Scripture gives you the same authority over Satan as when Christ prayed against him, making this method of prayer helpful in creating an intimate relationship with the Creator. So, in whatever situation you find yourself, whether you need healing, strength, wisdom, a financial blessing or a desire to simply pray for someone else, remember that God admonishes us to come boldly before the throne of grace.

Meditation: Prayer is the best way to make your requests known unto the LORD. So, remember to P.U.S.H

- Pray Until Something Happens!

My prayer request for today is

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### Scripture Reading: Isaiah 6:8

Have you ever found something you enjoy doing? Perhaps, you learned how to cook, sew, or draw. Maybe you delight in baking, writing or reading, or taking pictures. Because you love doing those things, if ever you were asked to bake a cake, or draw a picture, you were willing to do so. No one had to push you or plead with you to do it; you just did it. You even rearranged your schedule to accommodate your interests.

That is how God wants us to be with Him. He desires us to be willing to do, go and say anything for Him. Be willing to spend some time with Him, study His word and sit in His presence. He will never push Himself on us. He is always there for us: willing to hear us, comfort us, protect us, love us, provide for us, and guide us and more. In fact, He was willing to die for us.

In the scripture, the prophet Isaiah came to a clearer understanding of who God was in his life. He recognized that this Holy God wanted a real relationship with this sinful man. Realizing the magnitude of God's power, when the Lord needed someone to go to "make the heart of the people fat," Isaiah said immediately, "...here I am, send me."

Meditation: Today, listen to the leading of the Holy Spirit.  
What am I prayerfully willing to do for God?

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Scripture Reading: Psalm 61:3-5, 92:11 | Romans 15:13

We have so many things pulling at our time and making us tired. Our daily task lists just seem to get longer and longer with less and less time for rest. Do you ever have those days where you just feel completely drained? Like you have nothing left to give? You may even ask, "How can I fulfill the purpose God has for me when I feel like I have no more to give?" The answer is simple. God's Word, the Bible.

Jesus tells us in John 15:1-4, "I am the vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful... Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me."

It takes discipline to keep our devotions at the top of the priority list. Especially, when there are so many other things fighting to be at the top of the list. The Bible is very clear though, in that if we are to bear fruit we must stay connected to the vine. He will prune us to bear fruit and cut off what is not bearing fruit for His purpose. God does have a plan and a purpose for each and every one of us. We must remain in Him to be filled with the power of the Holy Spirit. If we put God first and stay connected to Him, He will give us the strength and power to do the tasks He has set before us.

As I look within, at my priorities, how can I better prioritize the Discipline of prayer with God on a daily basis?

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What had God showed me during my special times of Prayer and fasting this week?

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