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## The Importance of Prayer and the Word

**PRAYER:** *Simply talking to God as a child talks to it's father.*

*"In everything by prayer...with thanksgiving, let your requests be made unto God." Philipians 4:6*

*"I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting." 1 Timothy 2:8*

When a baby is born it has only one way of communicating and this is linked to survival. Loud yells convey the desired message, generally with immediate response. However, from those first cries there is a steady development of the infant's ability to communicate. The child becomes more and more aware of it's family, and of it's surroundings. Speech begins and understanding increases as the child grows. The goal is maturity.

We are in God's family, and prayer is talking to God our Father, the Head of our Family. Prayer is an exercise of faith in spiritual communication. We may start with a very basic understanding of prayer, but we learn more and more, and begin to ask according to His Will (1 John 5:14-15).

Jesus prayed. We read of Him in the Bible as "often talking to His Father." It was vital for Him to know and do His Father's Will. In fact, He said that all He did and said was with His Father's approval (John 14:10). Jesus taught and therefore expected His disciples to pray.

Jesus wants you to pray. Listen to God's voice (the Bible) and continue to grow in your understanding of prayer.

Pray regularly and you will find a steady development in your communication with heaven and an increase in your power with God. Because prayer is so vital to our spiritual life, our personal prayer time becomes a target for attack. The biggest opposition comes from within ourselves, the Bible calls it our "flesh" or the "old natural man."

Be on your guard and let nothing hinder you from this sweet communion with your loving Father God. He longs to hear you. Prayer changes your life. Jesus said we should pray to our Father in His Name. The Holy Spirit will help us at all times to do this.

**God's Word:** *Gives you life and faith!*

*"...My words, they are spirit and they are life." John 6:63*

*"...Faith therefore comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." Romans 10:17*

As we just discussed that prayer is talking to God as a child talks to it's father. In the same way, reading God's Word, the Bible, is God talking to us as a father talks to his child!

God's Word carries in itself the life, faith, and power of God! As we read the Word of God the following are some of the things that happen within our hearts:

1. We begin to understand the mind, the thoughts, and the ways of God our heavenly Father
2. We become stronger in our faith (Rom 10:17)
3. We become aware of our position, rights, and privileges as God's children.

Let us look for a moment at faith: Faith is accepting God's Word as truth and acting upon it (James 2:17-22). Faith means believing God's Word in spite of all circumstances that say the contrary. Steadfast faith in God's Word will always change our adverse circumstances so that they, in the end, line-up with God's Word! That is the power of faith! Such faith is imparted to our hearts as we give ourselves to God's Word!

God's Word will begin to govern our outlook and behavior. Faith therefore, affects the whole life of a believer. The exercise of faith in a believer's experience brings about a total change of life that accords with the Word of God.

Jesus said, *"If you continue in my Word, then you are my disciples indeed, and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."* John 8:31-32

The source of faith is Jesus Christ. He is the one who shapes the faith which we have. God deals with each one of us on a personal basis. He purposefully makes a measure of faith for each person, and from there onwards the individual grows in faith as he responds to each opportunity that he or she has to act in faith!

The first challenge to operate in faith in a believer's life will lead to the next experience and challenge, and so on. The Bible describes this as going *"from faith to faith"* (Rom 1:17). This could be compared to a man who owns a well. Each bucket of water he brings to the surface adds more water to the reservoir at the top. Faith comes by hearing the Word of God (Rom 10:17). The Bible is the supply line of faith. By this, we understand the importance of knowing the Scriptures.

Faith springs from the knowledge of God through His Word. It was said of the first Christians *"that they continued steadfastly in the Apostles Teaching"* (Acts 2:42).

They showed a hunger for the Word of God by eagerly sitting under the ministry of those who broke the "bread of life" to their souls. With their attention thus focused on the Word of God expounded to them, it is little wonder that faith filled their hearts. So we read in the Bible, *"these that have turned the world upside down are here also"* (Acts 17:6) and *"mightily grew the Word of God and prevailed"* (Acts 19:20).

Your desire as a child of God is to bring pleasure to your heavenly Father by living what the Bible calls it the *"Life of Faith."* Jesus lived like that and He has left you His example that you should follow in His steps.

## ***Continue to read and study these topics...***

***Prayer:*** Luke 11:1-13, Philippians 4:6-7 and Ephesians 6:10-18

***God's Word:*** Hebrews 11:1-16 and Hebrews 12:1-4

## ***Audio Messages by Christopher Alam***

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### **The Prayer of Faith (CD-019)**

*Why is it that some people get healed and others don't? How can we get more faith? How do we know God hears our prayers? In this message, Christopher addresses these questions and examines various verses in the Bible that reveal what faith really is. When we know what faith really is, then we can know what it means to pray a prayer of faith.*

### **The Life of Faith (CD-002)**

*As Christians, we are called to live by faith, but how do we go about that in our daily lives? In this message, Christopher looks at the examples of the men and women set before us in Hebrews 11 who were used by God because of their faith. Through these examples, we can see what it means and how we can live a life of faith.*



# *Itinerary*

**September 28, 2014**

***Faith Christian Fellowship***

Seekonk, MA, USA

*Dr. John Pfeffer*

**October 12, 2014**

***Elim Assembly of God***

SINGAPORE

*Pastor Glen Lim*

**October 5, 2014**

***World Outreach Church***

Tulsa, OK, USA

*Pastor Mark Brazee*

**October 14-19, 2014**

***Crusade***

Mazabuka, ZAMBIA

**Oct 31 - Nov 5, 2014**

***Word of Life***

Yerevan, ARMENIA

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