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I. INTRO/REVIEW

A. Prayer review

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NIV) ¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray continually, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

B. What do you think about prayer?

- The conclusion you arrive at is often based in the belief you start with

C. Two principles

- Prayer is first and foremost a relationship

John 15:5, 7 (NKJV) ⁵ "I am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. ⁷ If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.

- I can boldly ask for what God has promised

2 Samuel 7:25-27 (NIV) ²⁵ "And now, Lord God, keep forever the promise you have made concerning your servant and his house. Do as you promised, ²⁶ so that your name will be great forever. Then people will say, 'The Lord Almighty is God over Israel!' And the house of your servant David will be established in your sight. ²⁷ "Lord Almighty, God of Israel, you have revealed this to your servant, saying, 'I will build a house for you.' So your servant has found courage to pray this prayer to you.

II. AGREEMENT IN PRAYER

Matthew 18:19-20 (NIRV) ¹⁹ "Again, here is what I tell you. Suppose two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for. My Father in heaven will do it for you. ²⁰ Where two or three people gather in my name, I am there with them."

A. What/who am I agreeing with?

Amos 3:3 (NLT) ³ Can two people walk together without agreeing on the direction?

- Agree with God
 - Heart attitude

Mark 11:25 (NIV) ²⁵ And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive them, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins."

- Faith will work for you, but may not work for others

Mark 6:5-6 (NKJV) Now He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed *them*. ⁶ And He marveled because of their unbelief. Then He went about the villages in a circuit, teaching.

- Our traditions



Mark 7:13 (NIV) ¹³ Thus you nullify the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And you do many things like that.”

C. The power of agreement

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III. A PRAYER EXAMPLE

Colossians 1:9-12 (NIV) ⁹ For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, ¹⁰ so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, ¹¹ being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, ¹² and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light.

A. What can we ask God for?

- Be filled with the knowledge of God's will

Ephesians 2:10 (NLT) ¹⁰ For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

- Live lives worthy of the Lord
- Live lives that please the Lord
- Bear much fruit

Galatians 5:22-23 (NLT) ²² But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!

- Grow in grace and knowledge of God

Daniel 11:32 (NKJV) ³² ... but the people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out *great exploits*.

- Be strengthened with all power to patiently endure when tested

James 1:2-3 (GNT) ² My friends, consider yourselves fortunate when all kinds of trials come your way, ³ for you know that when your faith succeeds in facing such trials, the result is the ability to endure.

- We joyfully give thanks to God