



I. INTRO

John 14:12 (NLT) I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father.

- His works were going to be multiplied, as the church would be birthed and grow with the help of the Holy Spirit

John 14:13-14 (AMP) ¹³ And I will do whatever you ask in My name [as My representative], this I will do, so that the Father may be glorified *and* celebrated in the Son. ¹⁴ If you ask Me anything in My name [as My representative], I will do it.

- The book of Acts is filled with examples of what Jesus just said

II. WHERE “THE WILL” IS... “THE WAY” IS

- A. Through the redemptive work of Jesus and the workings of the Holy Spirit, we can know and fulfill our mission (God’s will for our lives) as we continue to follow and grow in our relationship, through what we understand from a heavenly perspective

John 14:6 (TPT) Jesus explained, “I am the Way, I am the Truth, and I am the Life. No one comes next to the Father except through union with me. To know me is to know my Father too.”

- The works of Jesus THEN and NOW reveal His character and nature

Galatians 3:5 (Williams New Testament) Now when He supplies you with the Spirit and performs His wonder-works among you, does He do it because you do what the law commands, or because you believe the message that you heard?

- The more we believe, the more we receive. The more we pray, the more we will understand and desire to be available to bless and be blessed—with God’s desires for us and those we reach

“Where there is much prayer, there will be much of the Spirit; where there is much of the Spirit, there will be ever-increasing prayer.” — Andrew Murray

John 14:16 (NKJV) And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—

- B. Jesus gave us many examples of prayer
- At His baptism
 - Before and after healing people
 - Before teaching His disciples the Lord’s Prayer
 - Before raising Lazarus from the dead
 - While dying on the cross, and after His resurrection
- C. We should follow His example and pray without ceasing

III. PRAYER BUILDS A BRIDGE

Ephesians 1:3 (NIRV) Give praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. He has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. Those blessings come from the heavenly world. They belong to us because we belong to Christ.

- Many Bible scholars believe this verse was sung as a hymn in the Early Church in praise to God
- A. Prayer starts with praise
1. We worship and magnify God for who He is
 2. We praise and thank God for what He’s done
 3. The atmosphere changes (He inhabits our praises)
 4. The spiritual invades the natural when we enter His presence



- B. Prayer is asking for what already belongs to us
 - 1. Every spiritual blessing
 - a. Wisdom and understanding
 - b. Knowing the will of God
 - c. Having the mind of Christ
 - 2. These blessings are in heaven before we receive them on earth
 - 3. We need these blessings to fulfill our mission on earth

“Prayers outlive the lives of those who uttered them; outlive a generation, outlive an age, outlive a world.”
— E.M. Bounds

IV. FAITH IS THE BRIDGE THAT GETS THE HEAVENLY BLESSINGS TO US

Hebrews 11:1 (NKJV) Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

- A. Faith takes what is true in heaven and makes it real on earth
 - 1. Faith takes the spiritual things and gives them substance on earth
 - 2. Faith is the medium of exchange between heaven and earth
 - 3. God uses faith to give tangibility to His promises on the earth
 - Illustration: Vending Machine
- B. Satan wants to defeat our faith to stop us receiving our blessings
 - 1. Problems look bigger than the promises
 - 2. People will let you down and tear you down
 - 3. The battle is with principalities and powers

Luke 22:31-32 (NKJV) ³¹ And the Lord said, “Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. ³² But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren.”

V. OUR FAITH IS IN HIM

- A. GRACE must be received by FAITH

2 Corinthians 3:18 (TLB) But we Christians have no veil over our faces; we can be mirrors that brightly reflect the glory of the Lord. And as the Spirit of the Lord works within us, we become more and more like him.

- B. We are being transformed to be more like Christ

“Faith is building on what you know is here so that you can reach what you know is there.” — Cullen Hightower

- C. Paul received revelation to help us see what is available to us in Christ
 - 1. Wisdom on being a better spouse, parent, worker, friend
 - 2. Understanding the mission of the Church
 - 3. The Lordship of Christ
 - 4. The power of the Gospel

Hebrews 10:35-36 (TPT) ³⁵ So don't lose your bold, courageous faith, for you are destined for a great reward! ³⁶ You need the strength of endurance to reveal the poetry of God's will and then you receive the promise in full.