

Introduction:

- My text for today: *“Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, **“Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.”**”* (Luke 11:1, ESV)
 - My objective this morning is to provoke the heart of men to pray.
 - God is looking for praying men in this hour.
 - So I am calling you: “Men, Pray!” “Men, Intercede!” “Men, travail!”
- We are entering a new time of spiritual warfare. I have heard Chuck Pierce prophesy that this year but I heard it myself in Kentucky, was reminded a few weeks ago, and very clearly heard it last week and the excitement for the battle resonated on my inside! In this new time of warfare, men, I want you to become familiar with the scripture Jer. 20:11.
 - *“**But the LORD is with me like a dread champion; Therefore my persecutors will stumble and not prevail. They will be utterly ashamed, because they have failed, With an everlasting disgrace that will not be forgotten.**”* NASB
 - I am not here today to bash the men but to stir you to your God given position! You were born for this!
- In 1994, an Apostle from Trinidad, named Noel Woodroffe, stopped by Freedom Christian Center and pulled a piece of paper out of his pocket and prophesied over our church. He prophesied 14 specific things over this house one of which would be a “Strong manhood emphasis. A house of character.”
- The disciples ask to be taught to pray and Jesus taught them. He taught them a prayer. He taught them to pray and He taught them where to get anointed!

I. He Taught Them A Prayer

- A. It is now known as the Lords prayer. We have reduced his prayer to a religious activity with no faith or depth! It was never intended to be memorized to be repeated.
 1. Mt 6:5 Don't be like the Pharisees that love to be seen.
 2. Mt 6:8 Don't be like the Gentile with their many words when they pray.
 3. Mt 6:9 Pray this way:
- B. He gives them a model prayer. Jesus reaches inside and pulls out a typical 'runway' of prayer on which His life took flight from on a daily basis. He gives them 6 bullet points around which to shape their daily prayers (their daily interaction with God.) This is not a memorization effort it is a pathway of communion with the Father. After all, He knows what we have need of before we ask. (It is a great way to pray 1 hour.)
 1. Our Father...Hollowed be your name. This is to hang like a banner over us! Let your name be lifted high. God, make your name great, in the world and in me. Reveal your glory. Unleash more of your power and beauty on us. There are eight covenant names of God. Ie. Jehovah Shammah-Jehovah is there, Jehovah Jireh - Jehovah provides, Jehovah Tsidkenu - Jehovah my righteousness.
 2. Your kingdom come and will be done...in my life, my family, my city, my nation, my pastor, my wife, my children. *On earth as it is in heaven.*
 3. Give us our daily bread. Present your needs to God. Be specific. Believe God desires to prosper you.
 4. Ask God to forgive you, forgive others and release them. Set your heart to forgive any offense that my come you way today.

5. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Put on the armor of God. Eph 6. Pray protection around your family.
 6. For Yours is the Kingdom and power and glory forever. Make faith declarations and finish out in praise!
- C. Jesus was teaching His disciples that: Prayer is where I stake myself up to God. “Oh, how I need you!” It is not a memorized formula but communion with God!

II. He Taught Them How To Pray Watch me!

- A. Again, prayer is where I stake myself up to God and draw strength from Him. He showed them by letting them watch His life.
1. Following in the footsteps of Jesus one cannot help but learn how to pray! and how to pray relentlessly.
 2. Prayer was a central part of Jesus life. It was an expression of His relationship with the Father. (Luke 6:12 all night) (Mark 1:35 early morning) (Mt 14:23 after work) *“While Jesus was here on earth, he offered prayers and pleadings, with a loud cry and tears, to the one who could rescue him from death. And God heard his prayers because of his deep reverence for God.”* (Hebrews 5:7, NLT)
 3. The disciples watched him pray: early morning, late night, all through the night, long before daylight, and in-between, after great achievements and when He was weary.
 4. So they said to Him, “Teach us to pray.” Luke 11:1. Not teach us a prayer.
- B. His prayers were faith filled. Mk 11:22-24 This is how you pray...faith filled.
1. “Speak to the mountain, do not doubt, but believe!”
 2. *“Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.”* (Mark 11:24, ESV)
 3. You have to watch this be done to do it! Yes, you can grow in it yourself by the Word, but to have it accelerated you have to watch it being done in another persons life! *“And Peter remembered and said to him, “Rabbi, look! The fig tree that you cursed has withered.””* (Mark 11:21, ESV)
- C. He travailed in prayer. Travail - anguish, labor, toil, etc. Compared to child birth. It is struggle toward a purpose!
1. Gethsemane - Jesus travailed with sweating drops of blood. Luke 22:44. The disciple could have participated and learned but they slept! Jesus found grace and tasted death for us all and those who slept were scattered!
 2. Paul the apostle in *“my little children, for whom I am again in the anguish of childbirth until Christ is formed in you!”* (Galatians 4:19, ESV)
 3. Travail is not a woman’s job!
- D. He communed with the Father. This is where His strength came from. This is why He prayed after working all day!
- E. Mandate is to pray. It is not an option to not pray!
1. In Luke 18:1 Jesus gives the command or mandate to pray. *“And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart.”* (Luke 18:1, ESV)
 - a) The Greek deon esti: deon - it must be, esti - it is necessary. It brings the element of necessity. IE. As in math 2+2=4. It can not be anything but that.

- b) ...*men ought always pray*. This is a necessity. It can not be another way. You must pray and not lose heart. It is of necessity. 'Always praying' is a mandate.
- c) 1 Thes 5:17 Paul exhort the Thessalonians to "*Never stop praying!*"
- d) The verb form of the word pray, *proseúchesthai* "refers to calling on God." Kittel, G., Friedrich, G., & Bromiley, G. W. (1985). *Theological Dictionary of the New Testament* (p. 284). Grand Rapids, MI: W.B. Eerdmans.
2. Never give up.
- a) The verb form used here means 'to cease, or to stop' Ekkakein-To become discouraged and cease.
- (1) 2 Co 4:1 Paul will not let any difficulties cause him to fail or grow weary
- (2) Eph 3:13, Paul asks his readers not to be discouraged over his present circumstance.
- (3) 2Th 3:13 & Gal 6:9 Do not grow weary in doing good.
- b) Jesus is saying: Do not let external pressure take you out of the place of prayer. It is critical that you keep faith alive and the greatest expression of your faith will be in your prayer life!
- c) Never Give up! Why???????

III. Anointing Is Found In Prayer!

- A. Anointing is found in the place of prayer and God is looking for anointed men! Anointed men who can travail in prayer and win!
1. "*He saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no one to intercede; then his own arm brought him salvation, and his righteousness upheld him.*" (Isaiah 59:16, ESV)
 2. "*But you have exalted my horn like that of the wild ox; you have poured over me fresh oil.*" (Psalm 92:10, ESV) This is both a Psalm of David (His life) and it is a Messianic prophecy! Read the fruit of it: vs 11-15. The anointing is everything!!!
 3. Acts 10:38 *God anointed Jesus of Nazareth...*
- B. The anointing destroys yokes!
1. "*It shall come to pass in that day That his burden will be taken away from your shoulder, And his yoke from your neck, And the yoke will be destroyed because of the anointing oil.*" (Isaiah 10:27, NKJV)
- C. The anointing empowers and births moves of God.
1. Zechariah 4. Two olive trees, the anointed ones, and the anointing for Zerubbable to finish the work by the power of the Holy Spirit.
- D. The anointing brings prodigals home! Of which I am one! IE. I watched people pray in their lost sons and daughters!
- E. We are on to a move of God in this church. I need men fight for me in the place of prayer!

Conclusion:

- The early apostles refused to be bogged down with tables but instead gave themselves to prayer and to the Word. *We will be strong and endure steadfastly in the word and prayer!*
- "*I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarrel-
ing;*" (1 Timothy 2:8, ESV) We like 11 and 12 women be silent, and don't teach but we forget vs 8.

- “*Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love.*” (1 Corinthians 16:13–14, ESV)