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I. "Because you prayed"

John 11:41-44 (NIV[®])

⁴¹ So they took away the stone. **Then Jesus looked up and said**, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me.

⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³ When he had said this, **Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!"**

⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go."

Isaiah 49:8-9 (NIV[®])

⁸ This is what the LORD says: "**In the time of my favor I will answer you**, and in the day of salvation I will help you; I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people, to restore the land and to reassign its desolate inheritances, ⁹ to say to the captives, '**Come out,**' and to those in darkness, '**Be free!**' "They will feed beside the roads and find pasture on every barren hill.

II. New Response ---Let's Pray

A. a listening prayer —

- 1) we listen to someone else
- 2) respond with a sentence prayer
- 3) do not wait for affirmation/encouragement/answer
- 4) lowest stress to recipient
- 5) opens door to consider God
- 6) reveals your confidence in God

B. For example . . .

- ❖ Heavenly Father, we need your mercy. Amen.
- ❖ Heavenly Father, give us your wisdom. Amen.
- ❖ Almighty God, thank you for your great kindness to us, in Jesus' name, amen.

III. Prayer 201

James 5:16-18 (NASB[®])

The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much. ¹⁷ Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and

he prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the earth for three years and six months.¹⁸ Then he prayed again, and the sky poured rain and the earth produced its fruit.

- ❖ Workman-like quality to prayer
- ❖ Heavenly Father
- ❖ in Jesus' name

A. Bear Facts:

1 Samuel 1:10-11 (NASB[®])

¹⁰ She, greatly distressed, prayed to the LORD and wept bitterly. ¹¹ She made a vow and said, "**O LORD of hosts**, if You will indeed look on the affliction of Your maidservant and remember me, and not forget Your maidservant, but will give Your maidservant a son, then I will give him to the LORD all the days of his life, and a razor shall never come on his head."

1) Bear = resemble

1 Corinthians 15:49 (NIV[®])

⁴⁹ And just as we have borne the likeness of the earthly man, so shall **we bear the likeness of the man from heaven**.

2) Bear = endure

1 Corinthians 10:12-13 (NIV[®])

¹² So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! ¹³ No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted **beyond what you can bear**. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.

B. Motives Matter

James 4:3 (NIV[®])

³ When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.

IV. Ways to Pray

A. General/Specific

B. Portfolio of Prayers

C. Learners

Luke 11:1-2 (NIV[®])

¹ One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "**Lord, teach us to pray**, just as John taught his disciples." ² He said to them, "When you pray, say: "Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come . . .

"Lord, teach us to pray"

Our father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. (worship/praise)

Your Kingdom Come, Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. (Intercession)

Give us this day our daily bread (provision)

Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. (repentance & forgiving)

Lead us not into temptation (direction)

Deliver us from evil (deliverance)

For thine is the Kingdom and the glory forever and ever amen (yielding)

- 1) Praise & worship
- 2) Intercession
- 3) Provision
- 4) Repentance & Forgiveness
- 5) Direction
- 6) Deliverance
- 7) Yielding

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, help us learn to be more conscious of You. Holy Spirit open our eyes to see and our hearts to receive. Give us boldness to speak Your word, extend Your hand to heal and to do miraculous things in the majestic name of Jesus. May Your Kingdom extended, amen.

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