

The priority of prayer

Intro

Privilege to share with you.

A bit about us! Explain the journey.

A bit about the Church!

This morning I want to talk about the priority of prayer. I'm no expert!

Some weeks I great at it others I'm not so good but this I understand we need to continually come back to prayer.

Body

Jesus made prayer a priority.

And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there. Matt 14:23

Look at other examples.

Moses was a man of prayer, David, Elijah, and Pauls supreme motivation in the book of Phillipians was to know Jesus through prayer

If they all made prayer a priority how much more should we?

**I feel God wants to remind us again of the power of
priority prayer**

1: Our prayers carry great weight.

We've been appointed by God, it's a high calling.

Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Christ Jesus, Hebrews 3:1

*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 land for three years and six months.
James 5:17*

Elijah prayed and the heavens held back their rain

We need to become much bolder with our prayers!!

2: Our prayers move Gods hand.

When we work we work but when we pray God works.

Isaiah 64:4

For since the beginning of the world Men have not heard nor perceived by the ear, Nor has the eye seen any God besides You, Who acts for the one who waits for Him.

Sometimes I think God wants us to work less and pray more.

Not by might....

Why? 1 Ch 7:14

Prayer =dependency on God while a lack of prayer proves a dependency on self.

2 Chronicles 16:9

For the eyes of the **LORD** run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself **strong** on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him.

3: Our prayers empower us for the battle

Sick of hearing about ministers falling.

Luke 18 Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up.

Not to lose heart.

Be strong in the Lord and in

I can start to sense the signs I need to pray more.

I lose the energy of vision.

I feel the weight of the challenges.

To be sustained in ministry means to be sustained in prayer.

Matthew 17:21

However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting."

Comes out only by prayer and fasting!!

4: Our prayer empower others for the battle

The greatest gift we can give to our Churches is a life committed to prayer

The disciples went on to pray because of what they saw in Jesus.

God is wanting us to model a life of prayer

We call the engine room of our Church the Tuesday night prayer meeting

Get a running partner

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What if!

