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To help you get a breakthrough, I will summarize some of my previous teachings on prayer and give you my single point for the day. Please capture them as they are posted. I will not elaborate on them much today: no time.

Points I have been teaching on Thursday to remember to get your breakthrough

This is CAMERA OPPORTUNITY #1

- 1) **Know who you are praying to**
- 2) **Know that He has promised to respond to your prayers.**

The point to be remembered for today is

This is CAMERA OPPORTUNITY #2

- 3) **Pray continuously and give him no rest until you get blessed**

The first point:

- 1) **Know who you are praying to.**

Know who he is. The creator of the universe and all that is in it. Nothing is impossible for him to do. Whatever he chooses to do, he can do. Whatever he says will be done. There is no opposition to him and none like him.

He created everything in the universe and it responds to whatever he says. Everything, everything responds to his will. If he said it, nothing can prevent it from happening as he said. You are praying to God the Master of the universe.

He is so great that one named does not summarize him. Here are a few names that describe who you are praying to. We have listed many out front so you will remember.

Remember to pay attention to them next time you're in the atrium.

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1. **Yahweh (יהוה)**: "I am" or "I am who I am," indicating God's eternal and self-existent nature.
2. **Elohim (אלהים)**. It signifies His strength and power as the Creator and ruler of the universe.
3. **Adonai (אֲדֹנָי)**: "Lord" or "Master" and expresses God's sovereignty and authority over all things.
4. **El Shaddai (אֱלֹהֵי שָׁדַי)**: "God Almighty" or "God of the mountains." It highlights God's all-sufficient and all-powerful nature.

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5. **El Elyon (אֵל עֲלִיּוֹן)**: "God Most High," this name emphasizes God's supremacy and sovereignty over all other powers.
6. **El Olam (אֵל עוֹלָם)**: "Everlasting God" or "God of Eternity" it conveys God's eternal and unchanging nature.
7. **Yahweh Jireh (יְהוָה יִרְאֶה)**: "The Lord Will Provide," this name was given by Abraham when God provided a ram as a substitute sacrifice.
8. **Yahweh Rapha (יְהוָה רֹפֵא)**: "The Lord Who Heals" it points to God as the healer of both physical and spiritual ailments.
9. **Yahweh Nissi (יְהוָה נֹסֵי)**: "The Lord Is My Banner" signifies God's role as the leader and protector of His people.
10. **Yahweh Shalom (יְהוָה שָׁלוֹם)**: "The Lord Is Peace" highlights God's role in bringing true peace to His followers.
11. **Yahweh Sabaoth (יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת)**: "The Lord of Hosts" or "The Lord of Armies" illustrates God's role as the commander of heavenly armies.
12. **Yahweh Tsidkenu (יְהוָה צְדִקְנוּ)**: "The Lord Our Righteousness" speaks of God as the source of righteousness and justice.

What is the first point? **Know who you are praying to.**

The second point:

2) Know that he has promised to respond to your prayers.

He has submitted himself to you to do all you ask according to his will. He has given you the keys to the kingdom. I am currently discussing this on Thursdays in the message.

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Here are just a few scriptures that indicate he promises to respond to your prayers:

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1. Jeremiah 29:12-13 (NKJV) - "Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart."
2. Matthew 7:7-8 (NKJV) - "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks, it will be opened."
3. Matthew 18:19-20 (NKJV) - "Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them."
4. Mark 11:24 (NKJV) - "Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them."
5. John 14:13-14 (NKJV) - "And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it."

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6. John 15:7 (NKJV) - "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you."
7. John 16:23-24 (NKJV) - "And in that day, you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name, He will give you. Until now, you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full."
8. 1 John 3:22 (NKJV) - "And whatever we ask we receive from Him because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight."
9. 1 John 5:14-15 (NKJV) - "Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him."
10. James 1:5-6 (NKJV) - "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind."
11. James 5:15-16 (NKJV) - "And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much."
12. Psalm 91:15 (NKJV) - "He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honor him."

Again, what was the second point? **Know that he has promised to respond to your prayers.**

We will discuss this later, but I want you to consider this, the Scripture says God answers prayer. Therefore, if you do not get an answer when you pray, you have not effectively prayed.

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James 4:3

Knowing the first two points

1) Know who you are praying to

2) Know that He has promised to respond to your prayers.

Today the third point I want to impress upon you is

3) Pray continuously and give him no rest until you get blessed

What is the third point?

Pray continuously and give him no rest (worry him) until you get blessed because he has promised he will

Lk 18:1 (NKJV) — 1 Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart,

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Is 62:6–7 (NKJV) — *6 I have set watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem; They shall never hold their peace day or night. **You who make mention of the Lord, do not keep silent, 7 And give Him no rest till He establishes** And till He makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth.*

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I. Pray continuously and give him no rest until you get blessed

- A. Most of us think we know how to pray but listen; even the disciples recognized their inability to properly understand prayer. That is why they said in Luke 11:1, “Lord teach us to pray.”
1. We think prayer is something simple; in some ways, it is, but prayer is much more than what we believe. God is giving us a chance to affect things in this world by allowing us to appeal to him.
 2. He submits himself to us when we pray to him.
 3. He told us to ask him for anything!
 4. There are effective prayers and ineffective prayers. There is a way to pray in a way not to pray.
 5. Prayer is hard work! It is not as easy as it appears to be. There are distractions all about to keep you from praying.
 - a. Stan knows it is your power over him and he wars against you praying.
- B. There’s much more to be said about prayer, which is why I’m teaching so much about it each week. *James 5:16 (NKJV): The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.*
- C. Today, I am just going to emphasize this one point regarding prayer, and remember I started last fourth Sunday when I taught the message, “*Pray and Don’t Let Go till He Blesses You*”.
- D. Paul tells us 1 Thessalonians 5:17 (NKJV): pray without ceasing

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Lk 18:1 (NKJV) — *1 Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart,*

1. Here, Jesus tells us we must always pray and not quit. Yet, many of us quit assuming that God will not answer when we do not get an answer when we want it.
 - a. If we don’t get an answer in a week or a month, we give up, but this is not what Christ tells us to do.
 - b. If he has promised it, *Nu 23:19 (NKJV)* — *19 “God is not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should*

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repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?

2. Sometimes, it may take several months or even years before our prayer is answered, but it will be answered!
 - a. We have learned that demons attempt to block our prayers, but if we keep praying, God will send angels to overcome them.
 3. We must always learn to pray and never give up. Men must always remember to pray and not faint.
 - a. We must learn to pray, and hold on, and pray, and hold on, and pray, and hold on, and pray, and hold on, and wait until we get what we pray for.
 - b. Prayer always works for the good of those who pray!
- E. The Bible reveals many examples where prayers were not fulfilled because of one appeal but because of several repeated requests to God. I will show you that we must pray continuously if we expect to get a prayer through.
1. This is one of the significant reasons we failed to receive because we don't pray continuously.
- F. Prayer often does not succeed with one prayer but only comes about after continuously going back and forth to God to get what you want.
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- G. Praying reveals your faith in God. Persistent prayer is what pleases him. The more you pray, the more it pleases him. The more you please him, the more he blesses you.
1. *Ps 37:25 (NKJV) — 25 I have been young, and now am old; Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, Nor his descendants begging bread.*
 2. *Jas 5:16 (NKJV) — 16 The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.*
 3. *Ps 84:11 (NKJV) — 11 No good thing will He withhold From those who walk uprightly.*

Heb 11:6 (NKJV) — 6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

4. God rewards those who diligently pray to him.
5. Praying is always a good use of your time.

- II. Some examples of repeated prayers in the Bible

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This is CAMERA OPPORTUNITY #5 – Repeated prayers

- A. Abraham's prayer for Sodom and Gomorrah (Genesis 18:23-33) – (we discussed this Thursday night)
 - B. Jacob wrestling all night with the angel (Genesis 32:22-32)
 - C. Moses praying for God to forgive the people for making a golden calf (Exodus 32)
 - D. Elijah had to pray seven times before rain came even though God promised he would do it (1 Kings 18:41-45)
 - E. Hezekiah when he was about to die (2 Kings 20:1-7)
 - F. Daniel fasted and prayed for 21 days (Daniel 9:1-19)
 - G. Nehemiah fasted and prayed when hearing about Jerusalem's walls (Nehemiah 1:4-11)
 - H. Esther fasted for three days (Esther 4:16)
 - I. The woman with the issue of blood had to push her way through (Mark 5:25-34)
 - J. The church prayed when Peter was in prison, and an angel delivered him (Acts 12:5-17)
 - K. Paul trying to get rid of the thorn in his flesh (2 Corinthians 12:7-10)
 - L. Jesus prayed three times the same thing in the Garden of Gethsemane. He prayed so hard that he sweat blood. (Mk 14:32-38)
- III. The words of Jesus in Luke 18:1-8 show the need for persistent prayer
- A. ***Lk 18:1–8 (NKJV) — 1 Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart, 2 saying: “There was in a certain city a judge who did not fear God nor regard man. 3 Now there was a widow in that city; and she came to him, saying, ‘Get justice for me from my adversary.’ 4 And he would not for a while; but afterward he said within himself, ‘Though I do not fear God nor regard man, 5 yet because this widow troubles me I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.’ ”***
 - 1. The judge was not concerned about her situation.
 - 2. He wasn't even interested in her case.
 - 3. He didn't care that she was a widow and that she might have been struggling.
 - 4. Why did he say he would respond to her? Because she troubles me!
 - B. ***6 Then the Lord said, “Hear what the unjust judge said.***
 - 1. He said because she keeps coming back to me!
 - 2. Then Jesus says
 - C. ***7 And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them? 8 I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?”***

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- D. **God sees faith in those who continually pray to him.** He honors their faith because they honor him in prayer. Those who honor him, he will honor! (1 Samuel 2:30)
- IV. Another situation that shows continuous persistent asking of God to do a simple thing
Mt 15:21–28 (NKJV) — 21 Then Jesus went out from there and departed to the region of Tyre and Sidon.
- A. Mark 7:24 tells us he went there secretly to get away from the crowds of people.
- B. *Mk 7:24 (NKJV) — 24 From there He arose and went to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And He entered a house and wanted no one to know it, but He could not be hidden.*
- 22 And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed.”**
- C. Would you agree she has a just cause? Her daughter is demon-possessed.
- D. But unfortunately, she is a Gentile woman who had no right to come and bother him, violating his privacy.
23 But He answered her not a word.
- E. He ignored her; he gave her no attention. He acts as if she does not exist.)
And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, “Send her away, for she cries out after us.”
- F. She even pestered them with her incessant whining and kept pushing.
24 But He answered and said, “I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”
- G. In other words, I have nothing to do with you or your kind. You are not a Jew.
25 Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, “Lord, help me!”
- H. She falls at his feet and begs him
26 But He answered and said, “It is not good to take the children’s bread and throw it to the little dogs.”
27 And she said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters’ table.”
28 Then Jesus answered and said to her, “O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed from that very hour.
- V. Let’s look at one more situation and show how Jesus responds

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Mk 10:46–52 (NKJV) — 46 Now they came to Jericho. As He went out of Jericho with His disciples and a great multitude, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the road begging. 47 And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”

48 Then many warned him to be quiet; but he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”

49 So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be called. Then they called the blind man, saying to him, “Be of good cheer. Rise, He is calling you.”

50 And throwing aside his garment, he rose and came to Jesus.

51 So Jesus answered and said to him, “What do you want Me to do for you?” The blind man said to Him, “Rabboni, that I may receive my sight.”

52 Then Jesus said to him, “Go your way; **your faith has made you well.” And immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus on the road.**

VI. The bottom line is this

A. We need to recognize the possible necessity of us praying the same prayer again and again until we get what we want.

B. A failure to receive from prayer is not because God does not want us to have but more likely, it is because we have not appropriately asked.

Jas 4:3 (NKJV) — 3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures.

1 Jn 5:14–15 (NKJV) — 14 Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. 15 And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

1. Therefore, if the Bible says it keep praying until you get it!

If the Bible says it, Don't give up; keep praying until you get it!

C. People often lose out in prayer because they don't hold on in prayer until he gives them what they asked for.

D. Exemplify your faith by your prayer, and remember that God rewards faith.

God answers prayer; if you have not received what He promised, you have not prayed enough. Pray again and again until you get it!

Question: How To Pray And Get Your Breakthrough?

VII. Conclusion

A. Know who you are praying to.

B. Know that he has promised to respond to your prayers.

C. Pray continuously and give him no rest until you get blessed!

Now, **take life seriously and
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