

PRAYERS OF THE BIBLE



SERMON SERIES: Prayers of The Bible

SERMON TITLE: Acts 4

KEY TEXTS: James 5:13-18 NKJV, Acts 4:14-22 NKJV, Acts 4:23-31 NKJV, Luke 24:47 NKJV

Big Idea: This seven-week sermon series will look at the prayers of the Bible which help us to lead prayer-centered lives. We will learn from those who prayed in the Bible; how they prayed, what they prayed for and the results of their prayer. The series will stimulate and bring focus to our prayer life. We will learn patterns to implement in our lives and respond to life's problems by involving God. Our effective prayer brings God's power into the situation and produces life-giving results.

In this first sermon of the series, Pastor Walker illustrates how important it is for us to have Bible-based prayer lives and Godly companions.

James 5:13 - 18 NKJV

Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms. Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. 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. 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. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit.

God Bless You!

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A. Start Talking

What is your most prized possession and why is it important to you?

B. Start Thinking

1. How well do you know God's word? Is it hidden in your heart? What do you know about God's character and promises? What steps will you take to ensure that you know His word before problems come? Read **James 5:16-18 NKJV**, **Colossians 3:16 NKJV**
2. Who are the people in your life who are well versed in scripture and can confidently pray with you in times of need? (Share their names with the group). Read **Acts 4:23-31 NKJV**, **Mark 2:1-5 NLT**.
3. What is your typical response to life's crises? Do you respond by courageously declaring God's word in prayer or simply discussing the issue? Read **Acts 4:14-22 NKJV**.

C. Start praying

Pray that the Lord will give you boldness to speak God's word in prayer when problems come and have companions who know God well.

D. Start Doing

1. **Make your prayers Bible-saturated.** Know what the Bible says about the problem and understand God in the lightness of His word. The word must be in your heart before the problems come.
2. **Go to your fellow company of believers** who know God well and will stand in prayer with you.
3. **Make your prayer God-based, not problem-based.** Do not spend time talking about the problem but about what God's promises say about the problem.
4. **Be specific when you pray.** Ask about God's kingdom agenda and what is needed.

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