

September 21, 2025

Series: Prayer with Purpose, Part 3

Title: Faith-Filled Prayers

Text: Mark 11: 22-24; 1 John 5:14-15, James 1:5-8, James 5:16

Theme: Believing in God through the tough times we face as Christians.

## Introduction

This is a continuation of our sermon series on prayer. Today, we focus on **faith-filled prayer** and its significance in our spiritual lives. We should pray faith-filled prayers.

## Main Points

### 1. Have Faith in God

**Mark 11:22-24 (ESV)** – “And Jesus answered them, ‘**Have faith in God.**

*Truly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, “Be taken up and thrown into the sea,” and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says will come to pass, it will be done for him. Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.”*

**Key Thought:** [Faith begins with knowing God before speaking to mountains.](#)

- **Context:** Jesus had just cursed the fig tree, and the disciples were amazed. He uses this moment to teach about faith and prayer.
- **Teaching Points:**
  1. [Faith is not in faith itself; it's in God's character and sovereignty.](#)
  2. **Don't idolize your problems—don't make your mountain bigger than your God.**
  3. **Faith is active:** Give, Worship, Obey, Live Right.
- **Practical Application:**
  - Trust God's plan even when the Dow Jones drops or mortgage rates rise.

- Speak God's promises, not your fears.

- **Cross-References:**

- **Psalms 34:17,19** – God delivers the righteous from all troubles.
- **Proverbs 3:5-6** – Trust in the Lord with all your heart.

### 2. Ask for Wisdom Without Doubt

**James 1:5-8 (ESV)** – <sup>5</sup>*If any of you lacks wisdom, **let him ask God**, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.* <sup>6</sup>*But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind.* <sup>7</sup>*For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord;* <sup>8</sup>*he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.*

**Key Thought:** [Wisdom is knowing what to do and having the courage to do it.](#)

- **Context:** James writes to believers facing trials, urging them to seek God's wisdom.
- **Teaching Points:**
  1. God gives wisdom generously—but doubt blocks the blessing.
  2. **Wisdom is not just knowledge; it is understanding, applied.**
- **Practical Application:**
  - Pray for wisdom before making decisions, whether they involve career, family, or finances.
  - Use Scripture as your wisdom source (Proverbs 4:7).
- **Cross-References:**
  - **Proverbs 4:7** – In all your getting, get understanding.
  - **Colossians 1:9** – Pray for spiritual wisdom and understanding.

### 3. Pray According to God's Will

**1 John 5:14-15** - <sup>14</sup>And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything **according to his will he hears us**. <sup>15</sup>And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

**Key Thought:** Confidence in prayer comes from alignment with God's will.

- **Context:** John assures believers that God hears prayers aligned with His will.
- **Teaching Points:**
  1. God has a plan—seek it before drafting your own.
  2. **Confidence grows when we pray Scripture-based prayers.**
- **Practical Application:**
  - Before asking, ask: “Does this align with God’s Word and purpose?”
  - Pray for God’s kingdom priorities, not just personal comfort.
- **Cross-References:**
  - **Matthew 6:10** – Your will be done on earth as in heaven.
  - **Romans 8:27** – The Spirit intercedes according to God’s will.

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### 4. Pray Fervently and Honestly

**James 5:16** - <sup>6</sup>Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that **you may be healed**. The **prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working**

**Key Thought:** Passionate, righteous prayer is powerful and effective.

- **Context:** James emphasizes confession, community, and fervent prayer.

#### • **Teaching Points:**

1. **Prayer is working! Prayer is being worked out (you may not see the results yet, but it is working! God is working through our prayers.**
2. **God cares not just about your “prevailing” but also your “healing.”** Healing often begins with honesty—confessing sins and restoring relationships.
3. Power flows in a healthy biblical community.

#### • **Practical Application:**

- Join prayer groups; don’t isolate yourself.
- Be real with God—no smoke and mirrors.

#### • **Cross-References:**

- 2 Chronicles 7:14 – Humble, pray, seek, turn.
- Philippians 4:6 – Pray about everything.