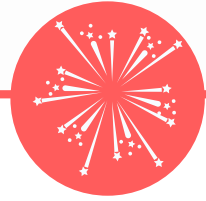


“DARE TO ASK FOR THE EXTRAORDINARY” SERIES

“BIG PRAYERS”

WEEK 1



SPARKS

- Have you ever asked for something and later realized it wasn't really the best decision?
- Do you tend to speak differently when you are talking to someone you respect? Why?
- Have you ever promised something but did not follow through? What happened?



WORD

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1 Chronicles 4:9-10

In our walk with God, it is easy to settle into praying safe and comfortable prayers, requests that feel realistic and manageable. But Scripture shows us that God is not limited by what feels small or ordinary. In this first week of our series “Dare To Ask for the Extraordinary,” we look at the prayer of Jabez in 1 Chronicles 4:9–10. In just a few

verses, we see a man who refused to live within the boundaries of his circumstances and instead cried out to God for blessing, expansion, presence, and protection. Jabez’s prayer challenges us to rethink what we bring before God. What if our prayers reflected bold faith instead of small expectations? What if we truly believed that God delights in doing more than we could imagine?

This week, we begin learning what it means to pray “big prayers,” not for selfish gain but for a life fully open to God’s extraordinary work.

1. PRAYER THAT ALIGNS WITH GOD'S WORD.

Matthew 6:7-8

'7 And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. 8 Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him.'

Jesus reminds us that prayer is not about empty words or repeating phrases without meaning. God already knows what we need even before we ask Him. This teaches us that prayer is not about trying to convince God, but about aligning our hearts with His will and trusting His wisdom over our own desires. What would change in our prayer life if we truly believed God already knows and cares for every need we bring to Him?

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2. THE KEY OF BIBLICAL HONOR IN PRAYER

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The prayer of Jabez shows us that God responds to a heart that honors Him. Jabez did not rely on his background or limitations, but he honored God in his request. Biblical honor positions our hearts to recognize who God is, and it becomes a foundation for bold and faithful prayer. Are our prayers shaped more by our limitations, or by the greatness of the God we are praying to?

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3. HONOR THAT SHAPES A LIFE OF EFFECTIVE PRAYER.

1 Samuel 2:30

'...but now the LORD declares: 'Far be it from me, for those who honor me I will honor, and those who despise me shall be lightly esteemed.'

God promises to honor those who honor Him. True honor is not just spoken, it is lived out through obedience, humility, and right relationship with God. As we honor Him sincerely, it transforms how we live, how we treat others, and how we approach God in prayer through Jesus Christ our Mediator. If our level of honor toward God is reflected in our daily choices, what would our current lifestyle say about our prayers?

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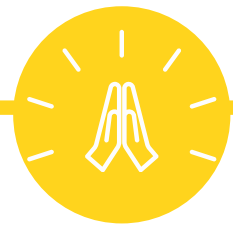
LIVE IT!

- Before praying, take time to read and reflect on Scripture so your prayers are shaped by God's truth, not just personal desires.
- Spend at least 1-2 minutes just thanking and honoring God before asking anything.
- Obey quickly when you feel convicted by Scripture or the Holy Spirit.



PRAYER

- Ask God to align your thoughts with His Word before you pray.
- Confess any lack of reverence or casual attitude in your prayer life.
- Ask God to help you live a life that honors Him in actions, not just words, and to help you honor others as an expression of honoring Him.



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