

40 Days OF PRAYER

Don't Just Do Something; Sit There!
Discovering the Power of Prayer

Misconceptions About Prayer

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In the month of Kislev in the 20th year, while I was in the citadel of Susa, Hanani, one of my brothers, came from Judah with some other men, and I questioned them about the Jewish remnant that survived the exile, and also about Jerusalem. They said to me, "Those who survived the exile and are back in the province are in great trouble and disgrace. The wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates have been burned with fire." When I heard these things, I sat down and wept. For some days I mourned and fasted and prayed before the God of heaven. Neh. 1:1-4

A Biblical Pattern for Powerful Prayer

1. Start with _____

- Replaces _____ with _____
*Then I said: "O LORD, God of heaven, the **great and awesome** God, **who keeps his covenant of love** with those who love him and obey his commands, let your ear be attentive and your eyes open to hear the prayer your servant is praying before you day and night for your servants, the people of Israel."*
Neh. 1:5

2. Move to _____

- Replaces _____ with _____
*"I **confess** the sins we Israelites, including myself and my father's house, have committed against you. We have acted very wickedly toward you. We have not obeyed the commands, decrees and laws you gave your servant Moses."*
Neh. 1:6,7

3. Claim God's _____

- Replaces _____ with _____
"Remember the instruction you gave your servant Moses, saying, 'If you are unfaithful, I will scatter you among the nations, but if you return to me and obey my commands, then even if your exiled people are at the farthest horizon, I will gather them from there and bring them to the place I have chosen as a dwelling for my Name.'" Neh. 1:8,9

4. Boldly ask for _____

- Replaces _____ with _____
*"O Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of this your servant and to the prayer of your servants who delight in revering your name. **Give your servant success today** by granting him favor in the presence of this man."* Neh. 1:11


Three Important Observations

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My Commitment

- _____ I will do my best to hear each week's message in the series
- _____ I will read each day's chapter from the *40 Days of Prayer* devotional guide
- _____ I will memorize the Bible verse each week focused on prayer
- _____ I will participate in a *40 Days of Prayer* Small Group-- or go through the devotional material with a friend or family member
- _____ I will visit TLC's prayer room at least once during this series
...not to earn God's favor, or to earn the favor of other people, but simply because I want to reignite the habit of prayer in my life!

For Daily Meditations and weekly memory verses during the 40 Days of Prayer, please use the devotions in the 40 Days of Prayer booklet available in the lobby today!