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Pray The Word

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Jesus has been teaching in the following scriptures how the believers are connected to the trunk or vine, which is Jesus and the importance of staying connected to the trunk in order to produce fruit. Without being connected to the trunk or vine, they will be unable to produce fruit, it would only wither, die and be thrown into the fire and burned. We must continue to abide in Him.

John 15:1-6 :I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. 2 Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. 3 Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. 4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. 5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. 6 If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.

In these scriptures Jesus is telling us that as we continue to abide in Him, we are able to ask what we want and it shall be provided for us. We have Gods will for us in the bible or testament and it will be ours when we abide there.

John 15:7 "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." KJV

The key in this scripture is staying connected to Jesus, dwell there, not running in and out and if His words dwell in us, we can ask and receive what we are believing for. When we are asking according to the will of God we know His will because of what the word or testament tells us. The testament only becomes effective after the death of someone. Jesus has made that available to the believer through His death.

Heb 9:16-17 "For where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. 17 For a testament is of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator

liveth." KJV

In the natural when there is a death in a family, there is usually a will or testament left for the families and they are anxious to see what has been left to them or what the provision of the estate has been set aside for them. As believers we have this same kind of will made for us, it is in the form of Gods word, the bible. Everything that we could ever need or want has been provided for us, but we have a part to pay in order to receive the blessings, we have to stay connected to Jesus and be obedient to what He tells us to do. After being obedient to this word we have confidence in Him and anything we ask according to His will, He hears and we know that when He hears, what we are asking, we will receive those things.

1 John 5:14-15 "And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: 15 And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him." KJV

John 15:7 "But if you live in life-union with me and if my words live powerfully within you—then you can ask whatever you desire and it will be done." PASSION

We are living in a season of how some choose to live in the church world and it is considered to be all right, but it is wrong. If we stay connected to Jesus, have that live in life-union with Him and His word lives powerfully in us, then we can ask what we desire and it will be done. We have confidence or know that He hears us. In these two scriptures, John speaks of the power of prayer, promises of prayer to the believer and the potential that the believer has in their prayer life, but they also have a responsibility to know what the will of God is and that we are dwelling and abiding in Him.

Matt 7:7-8 "**Ask**, and it shall be given you; **seek**, and ye shall find; **knock**, and it shall be opened unto you: 8 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened." KJV

This scripture is part of the Lords Prayer, Jesus is speaking and this is His plan or purpose for the believer; "ask, seek and knock" this is how the believer begins to make progress in their prayer life. Faith is involved in all these steps that have to be taken. Pursue a life of prayer, God's plan has been explained in all these scriptures, however, we should not be ending our prayer with "if it be Gods will", this is incorrect and it will destroy our faith, is full of doubt and unbelief and we're not coming with confidence. Prayer is like a vehicle engine and drives a powerful force.

Many stories are shared regarding the success that evangelists have had over the years and that they all agreed that because of prayer continually be offered up and because God cannot do anything without prayer this was their success and is the same today. Asking seems to be the key.

2 Cor 4:4 "In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them." KJV

We know who the god of this world is and we also have learned that because of what Jesus did at calvary that the believers have been given authority over him, now man must ask God to do something, our prayers are the vehicle that drives the kingdom of God here on the earth, prayer is that engine that drives the will of God being done here on the earth. Prayer is a powerful force and that is why satan tries to hinder the prayer life of individuals or the church, prayer picks up speed and can't be stopped.

James 5:16-17 "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. 17 Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months." KJV

There are many testimonies of healings and miracles that have occurred in years past and even though not all the people involved were living lives free from greed, bad habits, jealousy and etc., God was still able to use their ministries to benefit others because prayers of faith were being offered up to Him. The church is anxiously waiting for the kinds of miracles that happened then and for those things to happen again in the church.

We see in the following scriptures from the Old Testament that prayer changed things even then. Hezekiah was sick, going to die and Isaiah told him that he was going to die, but Hezekiah repented and prayed to God, his prayer was answered and he lived another fifteen years.

Isa 38:1-5 "In those days was Hezekiah sick unto death. And Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz came unto him, and said unto him, Thus saith the Lord, Set thine house in order: for thou shalt die, and not live. 2 Then Hezekiah turned his face toward the wall, and prayed unto the Lord, 3 And said, Remember now, O Lord, I beseech thee, how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done that which is good in thy sight. And Hezekiah wept sore. 4 Then came the word of the Lord to Isaiah, saying, 5 Go, and say to Hezekiah, Thus saith the Lord, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will add unto thy days

fifteen years." KJV

God can do nothing without someone praying. The prayers of the saints are like incense going up into the nostrils of God and are heard in heaven. Prayer opens the channel from heaven to earth for Gods will to be carried out here in the earth. Ask in order to receive, seek in order to find and knock for the the purpose to be opened. This was the choice that Hezekiah made and was healed.

Effective prayer is agreeing with Gods word in order to receive an answer. There is great power available to the believers in prayer.