

PUSH

A Lord's Flock General Assembly Topic
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What do we ask God, the One who owns everything and who holds the whole universe? We must remember that little prayer brings little power, while much prayer brings much power. Thus, we need to call God and ask for big things. "Call to me, and I will answer you; I will tell you things great beyond reach of your knowledge" (Jer. 33:3). Truly, our prayers should be consistent; we must push and continue to pray until something happens.

1. Why do some prayers go unanswered?

Unanswered prayers are one of our biggest problems. And yet, He assures us that anyone who asks will be answered (Matthew 7:7-8).

- 1.1. Prayers are inconsistent. Sometimes, we get fired-up and storm heaven with prayers, but after a while, we stop. If husbands and wives pray consistently for each other (and for their children), then they will see a lot of changes.
- 1.2. Faith is weak. We must ask if we are to receive blessings (James 1:6). He will also renew our strength when our faith falters (Isaiah 40:31).
- 1.3. We listen when the answer is "Yes", but at times, we do not when the answer is not what we want: "No" means He will open another door; "Not Yet" means He will show that His way is better than our way.

2. The Pattern for Prayer

- 2.1. Prayer should spring from our love for God. God is looking at our hearts not only when we pray to develop an intimate relationship with Him, but also to ask for what we need. We should not forget to pray upon waking up to listen to His voice and to discern what His plans are for our benefit.
- 2.2. The purpose of prayer is to glorify God, to call on Him not only when we rejoice in His blessing/answered prayers, but also when we are sad and in need of His comfort.
- 2.3. We have a direct line to God (Jer. 33:3; Ps. 9:11). We should call on Him who responds

because He grants our requests no matter how big these petitions are.

2.4 A Prayer changes our circumstances. Let us be assured that things/events will work out for good for those who love God & called according to His purpose (Romans 8:28).

3.0 Manifestations of Amazing Answers:

3.1 The Amazing Story of Lord's Flock as narrated by Sis Techie: "I couldn't figure out why God asked us to leave our previous community; we were the founders. However, five priests confirmed that we should leave and build a new one. The vision was revealed and pursued - "Save my people, bring them to safety. As a result, the growth in membership both local and global increased tremendously."

3.2 Sis Techie continued about the details of the Heritage Center construction: "When the Lord said He would give us a land, I dreamed "big"! I prayed for a vast land near a main road to be accessible. The community started with no money, but through donations and fund-raising drives, the Lord provided for the completion of our building."

3.3 Sharing: Bro. Nesty Centeno has been with LF for 20+ years. He was afflicted with mumps at 18 years old that resulted in infertility. After joining LF and getting married to a LF member also, he attended a Healing event, and has been blessed with 4 children. He continues to serve and receive answered prayers and healing.

Conclusion:

When the Lord told the apostles: "You will be my witnesses," they turned the world around. God has a plan for each one of us. He wants us to pray with consistent faith, so He can demonstrate His might and power beyond our understanding that would eventually glorify Him.

Reflection:

1. Are you in a situation that is too complex?
2. What big things are you praying for?
3. What prayers have been answered? Have you testified to give glory to Him?

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