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Praying God-Size Prayers, Hell-Shaking Prayers

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Christians have many privileges. There are some people who think that the life of a Christian is completely devoid of privileges, that we gave up every joy, that our lives are dull and barren. The opposite is true, we Christians have the most important privilege – that is talking to God, which is what prayer is.

It will be a sad life when a person begins to neglect his prayer life. In the past we didn't have time, rushing from one thing to another. Now that we are confined at home, now is the time to -

- Spend time talking to God.
- God has given us a “blank check” which He had signed, with no limit on the amount. But, we tear up the check; this is as if God has given us the key to His heavenly storehouse, and yet, we threw this key away.
- **Reflection:** Are you neglecting this privilege, of intimately talking to God? Do you have time to really listen to Him?
- Prayer changes things and people. My mom's prayer changed me into a new person.
- Prayer changes situations. When we unite in prayer, and we are right before God, we can do much. Great things will happen.
- Much effort without prayer often results in failure. The same effort with prayer results in great success.
- When we have big projects from the Lord, prayer becomes even more important, for the Lord to show us the way, to give us wisdom. The Holy Spirit guides us to pray (Rom8:26-27).
- Many great things happen when God's people call on Him: burdens are lifted, souls are saved; there is revival, the lost go back to Him, missionary enterprises will gain momentum, churches make mighty strides.
- For our community, with every decision, every action, we pray first.

- You can always ask the Lord to change you, to change others or your children.

What is a God-size prayer, a hell-shaking prayer:

- Don't settle for second best in your walk with God. TLF members should not settle for second best. I desire that all people reach his/her potential in Christ Jesus.
- Let us pray that our prayers are mighty. Do not ask for toys. Ask for big things.
- Let us know our God, so we can claim all that He offers us. Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great things (Jer 33:2).
- When we built the Heritage, we did not have money, but we claimed it: The land will be given to us (Num 26:52). Nothing is too hard or impossible for God (Jer 32:17).
- Have faith in God, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe & you will receive it (Mk 11:24).
- If your faith is just a little mustard seed, nothing will be impossible for you, and this can come only by prayer (Mt 17:21-22).

God-size prayers, hell-shaking prayers were manifested in the lives of:

1. **King Jehoshaphat** (2Ch 20:22)
 - He heard the news that they will be attacked. When he heard this, he immediately prayed! They sang and praised the Lord, and the Lord fought for them, and they were victorious.
 - When Bro Froi was sick with cancer, the community prayed for him: “this illness will not end in death, but is for God's glory (Jn 11:4).
 - Today, instead of complaining, let us sing and dance praises to the Lord; He is with us when we praise together (Ps 22).
2. **Daniel** (Dn 6: 22-23)
 - He had an excellent spirit, he prayed 3x a day, and he was very close to the heart of the Lord; he was above reproach. Then, the king made an edict: whoever prays to God shall be thrown into the lion's den. Daniel prayed just as he had done before, and gave thanks to God. He was thrown in the lion's den. He prayed to God, and God sent His angels to close the lion's mouth;

he was faithful and innocent, and the King ordered that he be taken out from the den.

- There are times in our lives that we are in a similar desperate situation, and only prayer can save us. Let's pray hell-shaking prayers so that Satan will be worried, and we can achieve the things that God wants us to achieve.
3. **Elijah:** (Jas 5:16-18).
- He was one of the Lord's prophets who prayed earnestly that it would not rain and it did not for 3 and ½ years; and then later, he prayed again for rain, and the sky gave rain and the earth produced fruit. Indeed the fervent prayer of a righteous person avails so much.
4. **The Holy Spirit** (Acts 1:13, Acts 2)
- The Holy Spirit came and this was the birth of the church. Along with Mama Mary, and other women, the Holy Spirit came suddenly, as a violent wind came and they saw tongues of fire which rested on each of them; all of them were filled with the Holy Spirit. If you want the Holy Spirit to come upon the LF, we have to pray together.
5. **Peter** (Acts 3)
- As he and John were going up a temple, there was a man who was lame from birth. He begged for alms but from Peter and John, he asked for money. Peter said "look at us, silver and gold have I none; but what I do have, I give you." In the name of Jesus of Nazareth, he helped him up, and he began to walk into the temple with them, jumping and praising God.
6. **Peter and John** (Acts 4)
- The Sadducees were disturbed because the apostles were teaching and proclaiming Jesus' resurrection. The number of men who believed were growing to 5000. Peter, who was filled with the Holy Spirit, explained: Jesus of Nazareth, who you crucified, and who God raised from the dead, made this man walk. Everyone was astonished. Peter and John were not afraid; their community continued to pray.
7. **Paul and Silas** (Acts 16)
- When they were imprisoned in the inner cell, they were praising God, and there was sudden earthquake and the chains became loose, prison doors were opened.

- Paul tells the church - pray with worship, pray earnestly or fervently.

Conclusion

- Some people feel that they are at the dead end, especially now with this virus and quarantine has been extended. But let us always have hope, and pray unceasingly to God.
- Let us not settle for second best. Most of us live beneath our potential. Some of us are submerged in situations we did not plan. Most of us live far behind to catch up.
- But, we have privileges that we do not use. This is evident in our prayer life. We have God-size assignments. Let us pray more often, pray longer.

Reflection

Do you want to see miracles? Do you want to see satan running away because we caused hell to shake?

When we as the LF community pray, we are united with power, it will shake the very foundations of hell. Mighty things are known to you when you pray. God will show you. God has unlimited power, He is not bound by time, space nor distance. He is not a sleeping God. He is sovereign, He is in control.

Let's not be afraid of this virus. We have our heavenly Father. Let's call Him for help.

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, I come to you for the privilege. For Jesus sake, give me the faith of a loving child, never doubting that you will always hear my prayer. Sometimes you do not answer exactly what I asked, let me have a child-like trust that You know best what to give me. I thank you that you sent your only begotten Son to redeem me from sin and death. Help me to live as your child, avoiding sin, and serving you with a consecrated life. Comfort those who mourn the loss of loved ones. Put your hedge of protection on the members of the community and our loved ones, and the people all over world.

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