

“What Is Prayer? Calling Upon The Lord!” – 1 Chronicles 16:8-11

I. Intro To “What Is Prayer?”

Prayer is Transformation - Prayer is more about transforming you into the image of Christ than changing your circumstances.

- Luke 24:49, 2 Corinthians 3:17-18

Prayer is Simple but Profound - A child can do it, yet an adult can spend a lifetime learning it.

Prayer is a Discipline not a Formula - Love trains us to meet the Lord in prayer to know him more.

Prayer is Personal and Corporate - Prayer will seek the Father’s presence in the company of brothers and sisters.

Prayer is Intimacy - The passion of prayer is entering into communion with the Lord before petitioning him for answers.

II. Prayer Is A Story Of Calling Upon The Lord!

In the beginning man lost perfect communion with God and began to call upon Him!

- Genesis 4:26

David brings the Ark into the city so people can pray in God’s presence.

- 1 Chronicles 16:8-11

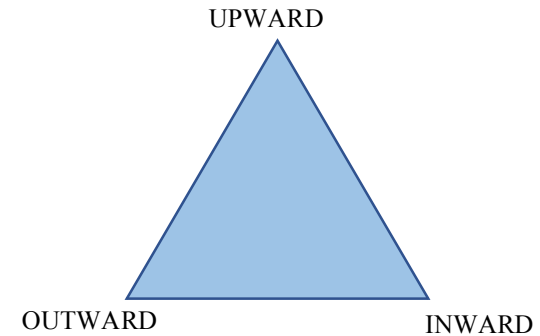
Israel fails to call upon God and Jeremiah invites their return

- Jeremiah 29:11-13

Jesus fills us with his Spirit so we can call upon him in power

- Acts 2:17, 21; 9:11, 14, 21, Romans 10:12-13

III. Prayer Is Three Dimensional



1. UPWARD Prayer – To Know and Worship God

- Luke 10:21; 23:46

2. INWARD Prayer – To Respond and Intercede for Us

- Luke 22:31-32, 42

3. OUTWARD Prayer - To Intercede and Battle for Others

- Luke 23:34

Question: Are your prayers skewed in one particular dimension? Draw what your prayer triangle currently looks like. Pray and ask the Lord to help you strengthen your prayer muscles this year in each dimension.

Pray 1 Chronicles 16:8-36 into your life this week.