



**PRAYER**  
**SCHOOL**



**WORDS**  **MATTER**

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*Dear Friend,*

Welcome to Connect 21 Prayer School! Class is in session. For the next 3 weeks, we will explore the power of words in prayer. We encourage you to pay close attention, as many things will be taught, but some must be “caught” with the attitude of faith!

This study is designed to enrich your understanding of prayer, faith, and the power of words. It provides a practical and insightful exploration of the right use of words in prayer for effective communication with God.

Through this study, your faith will grow, your prayer life will be ignited, and your heart will awaken to the life-changing truth that **Words Matter!**

# WEEK ONE

*Prayer & Faith*

*Week 1 - Prayer School*







**Ephesians 5:17**

*“Wherefore be ye not unwise but understanding what the will of the Lord is.”*

Faith shifts the focus from our **LIMITATIONS** to God’s **UNLIMITED** ability and power.

We must trust the character of God that can be found in scripture.

Faith comes from the **WORD**, not from just prayer.

Having Faith in God’s Word and in His Will strengthens your Prayer Life.

**How does Faith impact our Prayer Life?**

- Faith gives us **CONFIDENCE** in prayer.

**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: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.”*

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Waiting on the Lord requires **COURAGE**.

We all want things to happen on our timeline and in our way, but faith is trusting that God’s timing is perfect, even when the outcome seems delayed.

**Lamentations 3:25-26**

*“The Lord is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him. It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord.”*

Waiting is tied to the expectation of God’s goodness. The Psalmist said, I would have despaired unless I had believed to see the goodness of God in the land of the living.

**Psalm 37:7**

*“Rest in the Lord and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.”*

- Waiting requires **SURRENDER**— faith means trusting God’s Word and His timing rather than reacting to outward circumstances.

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us to continue our spiritual journey without growing weary, no matter how long the process takes.

2. Waiting on the Lord **ENCOURAGES** us.

o Psalms 27:14

*“Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord.”*

Waiting brings encouragement and courage. Even when situations are uncertain or delays seem long, trusting God strengthens our hearts and fortifies our resolve.

3. Waiting on the Lord produces **PATIENCE** within us.

James 1:3-4

*“Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.”*

Waiting on the Lord produces patience within us. By enduring trials and trusting God’s timing, our faith develops fully, and we become spiritually complete.

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# WEEK TWO

*Prayer Declares*

*Week 2 - Prayer School*



**SILENT Prayer**

There are times when we are unable to pray out loud. Maybe we are going through a difficult time, we don't have the words to say, and we are praying quietly to ourselves - I believe God sees the heart, hears the unspoken cry, and knows our thoughts before we speak them.

**1 Samuel 1:12-13**

*"And it came to pass, as she continued praying before the Lord, that Eli observed her mouth.*

*Now Hannah spoke in her heart; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard. Therefore, Eli thought she had been drunken"*

**Psalms 19:14**

*"Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord." God can hear the words of our mouth and see the meditations of our heart. There are times when we do not have the opportunity to give voice to our prayers, or they are quiet, nonetheless effective.*

**Prayer DECLARES**

However, the scriptures also emphasize the power of spoken words in prayer. Faith is not just believing, it is declaring!

**Job 22:28**

*"Thou shalt also decree a thing, and it shall be established unto thee: and the light shall shine upon thy ways."*

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3. Words carry **CREATIVE** power.

Proverbs 18:21

*“Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.”*

What you declare in prayer is what you will see manifest in your life – if you will hold fast to what you said. (Heb.10:23)

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**PRAYER - FAITH - FOCUS**

2 Chronicles 20:12

*“O our God, wilt thou not judge them? for we have no might against this great company that cometh against us; neither know we what to do: but our eyes are upon thee.”*

1. Faith acknowledges human **LIMITATION.**

- Jehoshaphat didn't pretend to have the answers. He openly confessed, "We have no might... neither know we what to do."
- Faith doesn't deny life's challenges but **ACKNOWLEDGES** total dependence upon God.
- True faith begins where **SELF-SUFFICIENCY** ends.

**Psalms 121:1-2**

*“I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord...”*

**2. Faith FOCUSES on God, not the circumstance**

- In the face of confusion, Jehoshaphat chose to focus on faith over fear. Faith redirects attention from the size of the problem to the greatness of God. Looking to God means trusting His wisdom, timing, and power to intervene.

**Hebrews 12:2**

*“Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith.”*

**3. Faith invites DIVINE Intervention**

- Because the king prayed with faith and expectation, God responded.

**WORRY: AN ENEMY TO PRAYER**

**2 Chronicles 20:15**

*“Thus saith the Lord unto you, Be not afraid nor dismayed... for the battle is not yours, but God’s.”*

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God has provided a medicine to cure all worries. It's found in:

**1 Peter 5:6-7**

*"Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: Casting all your care upon him; for He careth for you."*

**HUMILITY** is a key component to prayer and eliminating worry in your life.

When we approach God in prayer - we should approach Him with a humble heart - realizing our need to be totally dependent upon Him. Humility opens God's hands - for God resisteth the proud but gives grace to the humble.

- Worry is **PRIDE** in Disguise.
- Worry is a **SIN**.

When we worry, we put ourselves as the King of our lives. This is pride. This is sin. We need to cut every aspect of worry out of our lives.

- Worry is a **PEACE** Thief.
- Prayer Declares, Worry **IMPAIRS**.

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# WEEK THREE

*Believe You Receive*



*Week 3 - Prayer School*





**Prayer is not just fellowshiping (communing) with God, it is PETITIONING God.**

To petition God means to make a formal, earnest, and specific request to Him, not as a beggar, but as a believer who approaches with confidence in His covenant promises.

The word petition in Scripture often conveys a sense of legal appeal or formal request made before a higher authority. When we petition God, we are presenting our case based on His Word, His character, and His promises.

**Philippians 4:6**

*“Do not fret or have any anxiety about anything, but in every circumstance and in everything, by prayer and petition (definite requests), with thanksgiving, continue to make your wants known to God.”*

- **PRAYER**- communicating and fellowshiping with our Heavenly Father.
- **PETITION**- a specific, faith-filled request backed by His Word.

Jesus said, in Mark 11:24 KJV “therefore I say unto you whatsoever things ye desire when ye pray...”

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Praying in the Spirit is a heavenly language that gives you a **DIRECT CONNECTION** to God, in prayer.

**1 Corinthians 2:9-10 NLT**

*“That is what the Scriptures mean when they say, ‘No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him.’ But it was to us that God revealed these things by his Spirit. For his Spirit searches out everything and shows us God’s deep secrets.”*

To transfer the understanding, we need from our spirit into our mind as we are seeking the Lord for answers, we must act on:

**1 Corinthians 14:13**

*“So anyone who speaks in tongues should pray also for the ability to interpret what has been said.”*

As you pray in the Spirit and ask Him for the interpretation, the Lord will give you the answer you are seeking in usable form. The answer may manifest as the following:

- 1. **INWARD CONVICTION**
- 2. **IMPRESSION TO ACT IN A PARTICULAR DIRECTION**
- 3. **DIVINE WISDOM FOR THE SITUATION**

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**Prayer for Interpretation of Tongues:**

*Father God in Jesus Name, I believe I receive the interpretation of the things I have been praying for in the Spirit, so that I know what God is speaking to me in this situation. Thank you for the words, the knowing, the clarity, the conviction to move in the direction you would have me go. I believe I can see clearly what the Holy Spirit is bringing to my spirit, and I will act in accordance with God’s will.*

**The Spirit INTERCEDES Through Us**

***Romans 8:26-27***

*“Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.”*

**Paul’s Example and Instruction**

***1 Corinthians 14:18-19, 39***

*“I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all: Yet in the church I had rather speak five words with my understanding, that by my voice I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue.*

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- **SPEAK** God’s Word - As your spirit is edified, your natural speech will begin to reflect His Word instead of fleshly reactions.
- Practice **RESTRAINT** - The Spirit strengthens your self-control (Galatians 5:23 – “temperance”), including control over your mouth.

The same tongue that once spoke fear, gossip, or unbelief can become a channel of intercession, praise, and prophecy when brought under the Spirit’s influence.

Man cannot tame the tongue, but when the Holy Spirit fills and uses it, it becomes sanctified, disciplined, and powerful for good.

**Prayer**

*“Lord, I surrender my tongue to You. Fill me with Your Holy Spirit and let my words reflect Your will and purpose for my life.*

*Teach me to speak life, and to hold my tongue when my words are not positive, encouraging, or true.*

*Align my heart with Yours and let my speech bring You pleasure.*

*May my tongue be an instrument of blessing and a vessel of Your power. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”*

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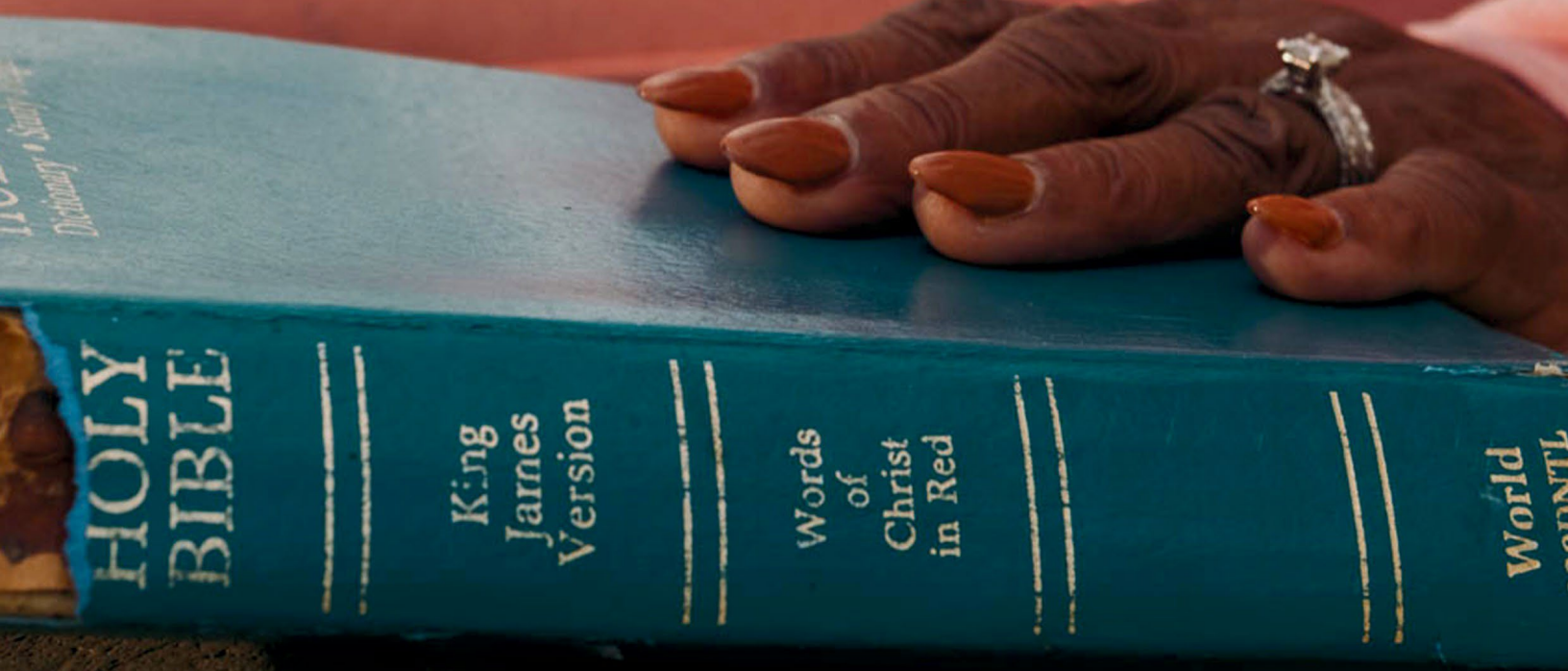
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