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Answered Prayers

Do you want to be able to pray prayers and petitions that are heard and answered by me? Yes, I certainly do want my prayers and petitions to be heard and answered by you. Who wouldn't want that? **You're thinking about being able to pray any and every prayer and have them answered aren't you?** Yes, I am. **Do you think I will hear and answer all the prayers that pray?** No, I don't think you will hear and answer every single prayer that I pray. **Why is that?** I might ask for something that is outside of your will? I might ask for something now that you want to give to me later. **So, my answer could be, no.** Yes, it could. **My answer could be, not now.** Yes, that's also a possibility.

What do you think about when a prayer of yours seemingly goes unanswered? I wonder if my request is outside your will or not in your timing. I wonder if you are testing the seriousness of my requests and want me to persevere and keep on asking. I wonder if there is something in my life that is hindering my prayers. **Let's talk about all these things that you wonder about when a prayer of yours seemingly goes unanswered.** Where would you like to start? **Let's talk about what might hinder your prayers.** I've always wondered what might be hindering my prayers. What might hinder my prayers? **You tell me.** I know what prayers will never get answered. **What prayers are those?** Those are the ones that never get prayed. **Yes, prayers you don't pray don't get answered.** Sometimes, "I have not because I ask not." **Yes, that's right.** You want me to come to you to ask you for what I need. **Yes, I do. Why do you think that is? Why do I want you to come to me?** You want me to live in a relationship with you. You want me to rely on you? **Yes, I do. What will happen to you as you live in a relationship with me?** I will know your will better. **Yes, you will.** I will know what prayers are inside and outside of your will. **Yes, you will.** There have been plenty of times when I have learned that I was praying a prayer that was outside your will. **What did you do then?** I stopped asking for what was not your will. **That's good. What will also happen as you continue to live in a relationship with me?** My thoughts and desires will change. **How so?** I will desire to do your will. I will want to accomplish your purposes. I will learn to ask for what both you and I want. **Yes, you will.** Your desires will become my desires. I will come to live in reverent submission to your will. Then my prayers will begin to line up with your will and your timing. **That's right.** I will be praying prayers that can be heard and answered by you. **Yes, you will.** That's exactly what I want. **That's exactly what you will receive as you live in reverent submission to me.**

Father, it is my desire to know and do your will. I will live my life in reverent submission to you. I will go where you guide me. I will do all that you will ask of me. Teach me to pray. Help me to offer up prayers and petitions to you that will be heard and answered. Amen

Life *Prayers And Petitions*

During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.

NIV Hebrews 5:7

Life *Prayers And Supplications*

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence.

ESV Hebrews 5:7

Life *Prayers And Pleadings*

While Jesus was here on earth, he offered prayers and pleadings, with a loud cry and tears, to the one who could rescue him from death. And God heard his prayers because of his deep reverence for God.

NLT Hebrews 5:7

Life *Prayers And Supplications*

who, in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His godly fear,

NKJV Hebrews 5:7

Life *Prayers And Supplications*

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.

NRSV Hebrews 5:7

Life *Priestly Prayers*

While he lived on earth, anticipating death, Jesus cried out in pain and wept in sorrow as he offered up priestly prayers to God. Because he honored God, God answered him.

MSG Hebrews 5:7

Life *Special Petitions*

In the days of His flesh [Jesus] offered up definite, special petitions [for that which He not only wanted but needed] and supplications with strong crying and tears to Him Who was [always] able to save Him [out] from death, and He was heard because of His reverence toward God [His godly fear, His piety, in that He shrank from the horrors of separation from the bright presence of the Father].

AMP Hebrews 5:7

Life *Pleaded With God*

Yet while Christ was here on earth he pleaded with God, praying with tears and agony of soul to the only one who would save him from [premature] death. And God heard his prayers because of his strong desire to obey God at all times.

TLB Hebrews 5:7

Life *Prayers And Supplications*

In the days of His flesh, He offered up both prayers and supplications with loud crying and tears to the One able to save Him from death, and He was heard because of His piety.

NASB Hebrews 5:7

Life *Asked God For Help*

While Jesus lived on earth, he prayed to God and asked God for help. He prayed with loud cries and tears to the One who could save him from death, and his prayer was heard because he trusted God.

NCV Hebrews 5:7

Prayers And Petitions

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

Life – Hebrews 5:7

In Context: *Read Hebrews 5*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God's Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture: ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

Father, it is my desire to know and do your will. I will live my life in reverent submission to you. I will go where you guide me. I will do all that you will ask of me. Teach me to pray. Help me to offer up prayers and petitions to you that will be heard and answered. Amen

What It Means: ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

Why do you want to live your life in reverent submission to God?

What has helped or hindered you in offering up your life in reverent submission to God?

Where have you gone because you are living your life in reverent submission to God?

What have you done because you are living your life in reverent submission to God?

How have your thoughts, words and deeds changed as you have lived in reverent submission to God?

What prayers has God given you to pray as you have lived your life in reverent submission to Him?

What joy have you had in living your life in reverent submission to God?

Living It Out: ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Live your life in reverent submission to God by going and doing all that He asks of you.

Seeing It Happen: ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that God will hear and answer your prayers as you live your life in reverent submission to Him.

Get Ready To Share: ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group what cries and prayers you have reverently submitted to God.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you live your life in submission to God so you will be able to pray prayers that He will hear and answer.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, help me to live my life in submission to you so I will be able to pray prayers that you hear and answer.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how can I more fully know and more completely do your will today?
