

Unshakable Leader Guide Session 8: The Kind of Prayer God Answers

Leader Note:

Last week we talked about the importance of daily conversation with God, and how our consistent conversations with God help us to stand boldly for God. How did things go this week? How was your prayer life this week? How did prayer help you approach each day?

This week we're going to talk about the king of prayer that God answers. As we trust God to answer our prayers, our faith will mature and become unshakeable.

Key Verse: "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land" **2 Chronicles 7:14 NIV**

HOW TO PRAY IN A CRISIS

1. Let God speak to me before_____.

Daniel 9:1-2
Jeremiah 29:10-12

2 Factors to Fulfilling My Purpose in Life:

- _____
- _____

James 4:2b

2. Focus _____ on God.

Daniel 9:3a
Proverbs 8:17
Jeremiah 29:13
Hebrews 11:6b
Luke 12:31

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3. Express my desires with _____.

Daniel 9:3b (GW)

Daniel 9:3b (The Message)

Jeremiah 50:4b-5a

4. Demonstrate my _____.

Daniel 9:3c

5. Thank God for his _____.

Daniel 9:4

Daniel 9:9

6. _____ my sin.

Daniel 9:5-6

Daniel 9:7-8

Daniel 9:10

Daniel 9:13b-14

Daniel 9:16b

God's Response to Daniel

Daniel 9:20-23a

God's Promise to his People

2 Chronicles 7:14

Discussion Questions:

1. The first step of "How to Pray in a Crisis" is to let God speak to you before you speak to him. Why is that important? What difference could that make in your prayers, and even in your perspective on the "crisis"?
2. Why do you think we sometimes hold back on our emotions when we pray to God? Why do we hesitate to state our desires and dreams to God, or to express our frustrations and anger to him?
3. Why would the Bible warn us against saying prayers with word and phrases that we've repeated over and over again? (Hint: It's a conversation)
4. How have you seen your prayers and God's timing interact with each other?