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Unshakable Hope: Leader Guide Session 4: Your Prayers Have Power

KEY STORY: Elijah's prayers call down fire from heaven (1 KINGS 18:16-46)

GOD'S PROMISE: When a believing person prays, great things happen. (JAMES 5: 16 NCV)

MY PROMISE: I will make prayer my priority and passion.

Video Teaching

As you watch the video for session four, use the following outline to record any additional takeaways from the teaching.

- God uses special people but they are special because He uses them
- You have clout with the most powerful being in the universe
- You speak with the authority of God's throne
- Elijah had confidence in ending the drought in Israel because he prayed
- Elijah's prayer not only moved God to action but also changed a nation
- When you seek to honor God, he hears your requests

Group Discussion

- 1) What statement in the video teaching affected you the most? Why?
- 2) Do you struggle with the idea that your prayers could be powerful? Why or why not?
- 3) How does the Bible reinforce this idea of prayers being powerful and effective?
- 4) How does it make you feel to think of God delighting in your prayers?
- 5) What is your specific action step to live out this promise of God this week?

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PRAY - Close your time together with prayer. Remember to share prayer requests and review how God has answered past prayers and fulfilled his promises. Use the questions below to shape and grow your group's experience during this time.

- What praises can you share about how God is developing your prayer life?
- What good things do you hope to see God do through prayer this week in regard to some of your circumstances or challenges?
- How can you pray this promise over those who are not part of the group?