

PRAY.



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**My daughter
Sara.**

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When the Spirit of God strengthens our prayer life, we receive 5 upgrades:

- 1. Pray.**
- 2. Pray joyfully.**
- 3. Pray confidently.**
- 4. Pray consistently.**
- 5. Pray effectively.**



**Whether we feel confident or not, there is living proof
that we can, should, and will pray confidently.**

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"Nothing distinguishes the children of God so clearly and strongly as prayer. Prayer expresses a relation to God, a yearning for divine communion. It is the outward and upward flow of the inward life toward its original fountain. Almighty God still loves to hear his people pour their hearts to him in prayer and promises to respond with blessing and power."

- Jim Cymbala, *Complete Works on Prayer* by EM Bounds

**“God does nothing but in answer to prayer.
Every new victory which a soul gains is the
effect of a new prayer.”**

- John Wesley



My pastoral concern is that we miss the urgency of the moment and continue as things are.

My pastoral hope is that we receive His strengthening and participate with His grace that is at work in us, bearing the fruit of a strengthened prayer life.



The call and privilege to pray are for everyone; everyone can grow in prayer.



1 John 5:14
Hebrews 4:16, 10:35
Ephesians 3:12
Acts 4:29-31

What is confidence?

Ephesians 3:12: “trust; reliance.”

Hebrews 4:16, 10:35; 1 John 5:14: “fearless confidence; cheerful courage”

Dictionary: “full of trust ; belief in the powers or reliability of a person or thing; assurance; to firmly trust, bold.”

How can we be confident in prayer?

1. The character of God.
2. The power of God's word.
3. The crucifixion, burial, resurrection, and ascension of King Jesus.

What are the enemies of our confidence?

1. Intimidation (The answer: 2 Tim 1:7)
2. Insecurity (The answer: Eph 2:10; Rom 8:15)
3. Our Past (The answer: 2 Cor 5:17)

What are the enemies of our confidence?

4. Sin/Worldliness (The answer: Titus 2:11-13; 1 Tim 4:7)
5. Self-sufficiency (The answer: 1 Cor 15:10; 2 Cor 12:9)

What are the enemies of our confidence?

6. Spiritual Warfare (The answer: Eph 6:13-19)

- a. Put on the whole armor of King Jesus.
- b. Stand.
- c. Pray in the Spirit.
- d. Pray for others and the advancement of the gospel.



“Our prayer life shapes our legacy.”

- Pete Greig



**I'm sharing this with you because the
call and privilege to pray are for
everyone; everyone can grow in prayer!**

How can I apply this message?

- 1. Confess your disappointment in God's character and daily ask the Spirit of God to renew your trust.**
- 2. Begin to pray the Bible.**
- 3. Identify the enemy of your confidence that you battle the most and ask the Father for a game plan to step into the victory that already belongs to you.**

How can I apply this message?

4. Educate yourself on the power of the crucifixion and resurrection.

a. Sit, Walk, Stand by Watchman Née

b. The Cross by Bob Sorge

c. Destined for the Cross by Randy Clark