

## RETURN TO PRAYER LUKE 10:42

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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.

## Prayer can be effective when God touches our human spirit and we engage with His heart.



"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 hope is that we understand the urgency of this moment, 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; <u>everyone can grow in</u> prayer.

#### James 5:13-18

#### Four Truths for Effective Prayer

- 1. Effective prayer begins with God's presence.
- 2. Effective prayer requires faith.
- 3. Effective prayer involves health.
- 4. Effective prayer is inspired by the Holy Spirit.

#### "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 lapply this message?

- 1. When you pray this week, acknowledge His presence in silence and then worship.
- 2. Use your faith to believe that God is good; He listens and will help you pray effectively.
- 3. Consistently apply healthy, relational practices.
- 4. Ask the Holy Spirit to lead you during times of prayer.