

If you would be willing to be a Pastor's Prayer Partner,
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Who
We Are

Our Core Values

#2 - DEPENDING ON GOD

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Where does the church's power come from?

"I am the vine, you are the branches, he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing." (John 15:4-5)

"Such confidence we have through Christ toward God. Not that we are adequate in ourselves to consider anything as coming from ourselves, but our adequacy is from God...." (2 Cor. 3:4-5)

"...you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses...." (Acts 1:8)

We access God's power through _____.

"Again I say to you, that if two of you agree on earth about anything that they may ask, it shall be done for them by My Father who is in heaven. For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst." (Matt. 18:19-20)

*"We think you ought to know, dear brothers and sisters, about the trouble we went through in the province of Asia. We were crushed and overwhelmed beyond our ability to endure, and we thought we would never live through it. In fact, we expected to die. But as a result, we stopped relying on ourselves and learned to rely only on God, who raises the dead. And he did rescue us from mortal danger, and he will rescue us again. We have placed our confidence in him, and he will continue to rescue us. And you are helping us by praying for us. Then many people will give thanks because God has graciously answered so many prayers for our safety."
(2 Cor. 4:8-11, NLT)*

*"The church's power is directly proportional
to its prayer life." — Gene Getz*

Lessons from the Early Church in ACTS:

- 1) They continually _____ themselves to _____ as their _____ to God.

“When they had entered the city, they went up to the upper room where they were staying....These all with one mind were continually devoting themselves to prayer....” (Acts 1:13-14)

“They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.” (Acts 2:42)

“But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.” (Acts 6:4)

- 2) They bathed the _____ that they made together in _____.

“So they put forward two men...and they prayed and said, ‘You, Lord, who know the hearts of all men, show which one of these two You have chosen....’” (Acts 1:23-24)

“And these they brought before the apostles; and after praying they laid their hands on them.” (Acts 6:6)

“While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, ‘Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.’ So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.” (Acts 13:2-3, NIV)

- 3) They knew their _____ came from _____ and they _____ all the _____.

“Men of Israel, why are you amazed at this, or why do you gaze at us, as if by our own power or piety we had made him walk?...it is the name of Jesus which has strengthened this man whom you see and know.” (Acts 3:16)

- 4) They constantly shifted the message from _____ to _____.

“Therefore, repent and return, that your sins may be wiped away....” (Acts 3:19)

“...and there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved.” (Acts 4:12)

- 5) They, as _____, were willing to let God use them in _____ ways.

“Now as they observed the confidence of Peter and John and understood that they were uneducated and untrained men, they were amazed, and began to recognize them as having been with Jesus.” (Acts 4:13)

- 6) They prayed to their _____ - _____ God to give them _____ and _____ to do what He had called them to do.

“And when they heard this, they lifted their voices to God with one accord and said, ‘O Lord, it is You who made the heaven and the earth and the sea, and all that is in them....And now, Lord, take note of their threats, and grant that Your bond-servants may speak Your word with all confidence, while You extend Your hand to heal, and signs and wonders take place through the name of Your holy servant Jesus.’ And when they had prayed, the place where they had gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak the word of God with boldness.” (Acts 4:24,29-31)

- 7) They _____ for any among them who were _____.

“So Peter was kept in the prison, but prayer for him was being made fervently by the church to God....When Peter came to himself, he said, ‘Now I know for sure that the Lord has sent forth His angel and rescued me.... He went to the house of Mary, the mother of John, who was also called Mark, where many were gathered together and were praying....’” (Acts 12:5-17)

Eph. 6:18-19

- 8) Praying together had a way of _____ their _____ in love.

“When he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all. And they began to weep aloud and embraced Paul, and repeatedly kissed him....” (Acts 20:36-37)

“When our days there were ended, we left and started on our journey, while they all with wives and children, escorted us until we were out of the city. After kneeling down on the beach and praying, we said farewell to one another.” (Acts 21:5)

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