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We continue steadfastly in prayer, and in the
ministry of the word.

Acts 6: 4 ASV

Welcome to Bible Study and Prayer CYNICAL CHRISTIANS

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- All of us know that we should be praying. Yet prayer is not practiced with any regularity, fervency, or quantity.
- Why are we not praying like we should?
- Cynicism undergirds our resistance to this divinely ordained practice. We think to ourselves, *God does not actually answer prayers. Why should I bother? Everything will turn out the same anyway.*
- This is the reason Wednesday night Prayer and Bible Study meetings are barren.

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- If we thought God answered prayers, Bible Study would be full, as long as food is on the table and everything is in order, we are confident that we have everything handled. We are not desperate enough to pray!
- Health concerns are the primary topic of prayer. Such prayer is not bad, but significant issues are usually absent.
- Are we praying for the renewal of our minds, the transformation of our deceitful hearts, are we praying for repentance and revival?

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- **Text:** Matthew 9: 22 KJV

Thy faith hath made thee whole.

- **Text:** Matthew 9: 29 KJV

According to your faith be it done unto you.

- Faith made the believer whole in Bible days, and faith can make us whole today.

- **Text:** Romans 10: 17 KJV

Faith comes by hearing the Word of God.

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Text: Matthew 17: 20 KJV

If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, said Jesus, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place, and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.

- "Well, if the Lord heals me, I'll believe and be converted," we hear someone say.
- Jesus didn't heal under those conditions when He was on earth. Healing was not received first and faith afterward.

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- **Text:** Matthew 12: 39 KJV

But to a sinful nation who seeks a sign, no sign will be given.

- One can not bargain with the Lord exchanging service for healing. Many forget their vows and promises to God after the answer has come.
- According to your own faith, it will be done to you.
- Do not fix your eyes upon your own condition or surroundings.

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- By faith today, you can be made whole!
- You ask how?
- Be Born Again.
- Make an out and out Surrender to Jesus Christ.
- Do Not Come On Your Own Merits.
- Have Active Faith in God.
- Step Out Boldly upon the Promise.

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- Our focus on salvation and healing has been a first for some. Few fellowships practice or teach this doctrine.
- For lack of understanding, they can not receive blessing.
- This is where we begin in earnest tonight.

Let our voices unite in prayer:

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Intimate Prayer of Petition for Wisdom

- I come boldly to the throne of grace, that I may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4: 16
- Elohim of my fathers, and Adhonai of mercy, who has made all things with Your Word,
Wisdom 9: 1
- and ordained man through Your wisdom, that he should have dominion over all creatures which You have made, Wisdom 9: 2

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- and ordered the world according to equity and righteousness, and execute judgment with an upright heart: Wisdom 9: 3

- give me wisdom, that sits by Your throne; and reject me not from among Your children;

Wisdom 9: 4

- send her out of Your holy heavens, and from the throne of Your glory, that being present she may labor with me, that I may know what is pleasing unto You. Wisdom 9: 10

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- For she knows and understands all things, and she shall lead me soberly in my doings, and preserve me in her power. Wisdom 9: 11
- So all my works shall be acceptable. Wisdom 9: 12
- Asking all in Jesus name. John 14: 14
- Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as in heaven. Matthew 6: 10
- For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Matthew 6: 13 Amen.

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- Our fellowship knows brethren and sisters who are or have been afflicted with:
- Mastication, swallowing and digestion issues.
- Circulatory issues.
- Depression and anxiety.
- Podiatry issues.
- Obstetrical and gynecological issues.
- Muscle, tendon & tissue issues.

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- Circulation issues.
- Stamina issues.
- and more ...
- In seven meetings and four weekly doctrine messages no one with active faith has requested a prayer of faith.
- Why?

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- Cynicism undergirds our resistance to this divinely ordained practice.
- Lack of Faith causes us to think to ourselves, *God does not actually answer prayers. Why should I bother? Everything will turn out the same anyway.*
- Are we Cynical Christians?
- Don't we believe in the promises of Jesus?

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- As it is written, has Jehovah given us a spirit of slumber, that our eyes should not see and ears that should not hear? (Romans 11: 8 ASV)
- So many brethren and sisters today can not receive blessing because according to your faith be it done unto you.
- If you don't ask you can't receive.
- Have faith like a little child, ask the Father.
- Text: Luke 11: 9-13 ASV

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And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your

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heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

- Pray always without ceasing.

You are invited to join us!

*Lord willing,
we continue stedfastly in the apostles' teaching
and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and
prayers every Sunday at 10:00 a.m.*