

UNLEASHING THE POWER OF GOD IN YOUR LIFE

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"God does speak -- sometimes one way and sometimes another -- even though people may not understand it." Job 33:14 (NCV)

1. WHAT IS PRAYER?

WHEN WE PRAY WE ARE **RELEASING THE POWER** OF GOD IN OUR LIVES AND IN OUR WORLD.

2. DOES GOD ANSWER EVERY PRAYER?

- WHEN THE **REQUEST** IS WRONG - GOD SAYS **NO!**
- WHEN THE **TIMING** IS WRONG - GOD SAYS **GO SLOW!**
- WHEN **WE ARE WRONG** - GOD SAYS **GROW!**
- WHEN THE REQUEST, TIMING AND WE ARE RIGHT - GOD SAYS **GO!**

3. WHEN SHOULD WE PRAY?

BEFORE WE DO ANYTHING ELSE!

4. HOW DOES GOD SPEAK TO US?

1. GOD SPEAKS THROUGH **THE BIBLE**.

"All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work." 2 Tim. 3:16,17 (NLT)

2. GOD SPEAKS THROUGH **GIFTED TEACHERS**.

"And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is indeed at work in you who believe." 1 Thess. 2:13 (NIV)

3. GOD SPEAKS THROUGH PRAYER AND FASTING.

“When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show others they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that it will not be obvious to others that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen; and your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.
(Matthew 6:16-18 NIV)

4. GOD SPEAKS THROUGH PAIN.

"Sometimes it takes a painful experience to make us change our ways." Pr. 20:30 (GNT)

“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose” Romans 8:28 (NIV)

MY DAILY PRAYER PLAN...

Praise - Psalm 103:1-5

Wait – Psalm 46:10

Confession - Psalm 139:23,24

Read God’s Word - Psalm 119

Pray God’s Word - Psalm 119

Meditate – Psalm 1

Pray for others - Colossians 4:2,3

Pray for myself –James 4:2b,3

Thanksgiving –1 Thessalonians 5:17

Praise - Psalm 145