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## **“Prayer Surprises” (2)**

*“Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.” (Ephesians 3:20-21)*

### **Forgotten Prayers – Zecharias**

**Luke 1:8-13** – (8) “Now while [Zecharias] was serving as priest before God when his division was on duty, (9) according to the custom of the priesthood, he was chosen by lot to enter the temple of the Lord and burn incense. (10) And the whole multitude of the people were praying outside at the hour of incense. (11) And there appeared to him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. (12) And Zechariah was troubled when he saw him, and fear fell upon him. (13) But the angel said to him, ‘Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John.’”

### **Are You Guys Crazy? Prayers – Paul & Silas**

**Acts 16:22-26** – (22) “The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates tore the garments off them and gave orders to beat them with rods. (23) And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, ordering the jailer to keep them safely. (24) Having received this order, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. (25) About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, (26) and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone’s bonds were unfastened.”

### **Multi-Dimensional Prayers – Elisha**

**2 Kings 6:15-17** – (15) “When the servant of the man of God rose early in the morning and went out, behold, an army with horses and chariots was all around the city. And the servant said, ‘Alas, my master! What shall we do?’ (16) He said, ‘Do not be afraid, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them.’ (17) Then Elisha prayed and said, ‘O LORD, please open his eyes that he may see.’ So the LORD opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw, and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.”

## **First-Fruits Prayer – John**

**Revelation 1:9-11** – (9) “I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. (10) I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet (11) saying, ‘Write what you see in a book...’”

**People of Prayer are prone to reap God-given Surprises**

### **Questions:**

What impacted me the most in this message?

Do I realize that God is always active even if I am not seeing results in connection to my prayers?

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)