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“The Prayer of Faith”

*“And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up.
And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.” (James 5: 15)*

The Privilege of Prayer

Psalm 65:1-4 – (1) “Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion, and to you shall vows be performed. (2) O you who hears prayer, to you shall all flesh come. (3) When iniquities prevail against me, you atone for our transgressions. (4) **Blessed is the one you choose and bring near, to dwell in your courts!** We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, the holiness of your temple!”

Isaiah 56:6-7 – (6) “And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and holds fast my covenant— (7) **these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer;** their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.”

Hebrews 10:19-22 – (19) “Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, (20) by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, (21) and since we have a great priest over the house of God, (22) **let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith,** with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.”

True Faith = Confidence + Commitment

Entrusting Others to God

Luke 22:31-32 – (31) “Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, (32) but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers.”

2 Timothy 1:3, 12 – (3) “I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, **as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day.** (12) That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet I am not ashamed, because **I know**

whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him for that day.” (NIV)

Prayer Pillars

Chronicles 3:15-17 – (15) “In front of the house [Solomon] made two pillars thirty-five cubits high, with a capital of five cubits on the top of each. (16) [Solomon] made chains like a necklace and put them on the tops of the pillars, and he made a hundred pomegranates and put them on the chains. (17) He set up the pillars in front of the temple, one on the south, the other on the north; that on the south he called Jachin (*God will Establish*), and that on the north Boaz (*strength?*).”

The Prayer of Faith includes Confidence...

“And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.” (1 John 5:14-15)

... & Commitment

“Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”
(Hebrews 4:16)

Questions:

What impacted me the most in this message?

Do I have daily prayer engrained as a life pattern?

Am I taking Jesus seriously in His calling me to pray? (Matt. 7:7-11; Luke 18:1-8)