

God Speaks Through Prayer
Unit 5 Day 5 of Experiencing God

Introduction: Henry Blackaby proposes that the Holy Spirit speaks through prayer. However, this is not disconnected from everything.

How prayer is connected with God's W_____ (Jn 15:7)

● Two conditions for answered prayer

1. You must a_____ in Christ
 - a. The word, abide, means *to take up residence*
 - b. Jesus is requiring us to make Jesus our permanent h_____ - we are either speaking or listening to Him.
 - c. Jesus is requiring us to stay there and not wander out after s_____.
2. Christ's w_____ must abide in you.
 - a. This means we must allow ourselves to be the place where God's word _____.
 - b. Ps 119:11 refers to us _____ God's word in our heart, which means we are living it.

● Jesus commands us to ask once the two conditions are met.

1. Why? – because many times God will not a_____ unless we ask (Jms 4:3; Matt 7:11)
2. Can we ask anything we want? – the answer is _____ (if you are truly living in Christ and His word is living in you, then your wish will match God's).

How prayer is connected with God's w_____ (1Jn 5:14,15)

● Every time we ask according to God's will, He h_____ us.

1. The word, *hear*, means to accept so as to respond p_____
2. This Scripture promises that we will r_____ whatever we have asked.

● God's will

1. The general will of God is the _____ for all believers and is given to us in His word (e.g. that we not sin, that we spread the gospel, that we love each other)
2. The specific will of God v_____ from person to person.
 - a. This is often not revealed to us in advance but a result of us walking by f_____ and God directing our steps.
 - b. The times God's will is revealed in advance, there is no guess work. God never reveals for us to guess but for us to k_____.

How prayer is connected with God's S_____ (Rom 8:26,27)

● The Holy Spirit helps us when we do not know w_____ to pray.

1. He helps us by i_____ for us
 - a. This intercession is not ch_____ our prayers so that the proper prayers reach God.
 - b. This intercession is helping us to c_____ our will to God's.
2. Jesus did not know what to specifically pray and allowed the Spirit to conform His will to God's (Matt 26:36-46).

● When you don't know what to pray, let the Holy Spirit work as you struggle in prayer.

Conclusion:

Are you praying in faith?

1. About the church ministry plan
2. About your personal ministry to a lost person
3. In dealing with a problem
4. When you don't know God's will in a situation

The Holy Spirit speaks through prayer in connection with God's Word and God's will. Are you praying?