

Praying with Confidence

When we pray, we can get caught up in theology and words. Yet the prayers of God's people in His word don't look like that. They are passionate pleas to a loving Father. They pray like that because they remember how God has loved them.

Scripture(s): Romans 8:26-30

Remember this - Confident praying begins with remembering how God has shown His _____ to us.

I. The first reason that we can pray with confidence as we live and struggle is that Spirit _____ for us. God has loved us so much that He has sent the Spirit to us so that we are not praying _____!

Hebrews 4:14-16 14 Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. 15 For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin. 16 Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

II. The second reason that we can pray with confidence as we live and struggle is that the Spirit intercedes according to the _____ of God. We have a prayer warrior that doesn't just say "Thy will be done." We have a prayer warrior who already knows the will of God and prays *that* into our _____.

1 John 5:13-15 14 This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. 15 And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him.

III. The third reason that we can pray with confidence as we live and struggle is that God is at _____ through our struggles. God is a master craftsman who has a clear purpose for every saved life: to look like _____.

IV. The fourth reason that we can pray with confidence as we live and struggle is that our future is _____. God's declaration that we are His is a _____ commitment from God to us.

John 10:27-30 27 My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; 28 and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. 30 I and the Father are one."

Our challenge: Be so convinced of God's love for you that you pray with new _____, passion, and purpose.

How will you pray?

1. Will you pray believing you can _____ what will happen because you know God's Spirit prays with you?
2. Will you keep praying when you struggle because you know God is _____ at work in your life?
3. Whether life is good or bad, will you pray in the certainty that God is your God and you are His _____?

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