



**Prayer
Clinic**
Capsule

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Executive Summary

Being our maiden edition, the primary focus of this session was to help us gain an enriched understanding and renewed definition of Prayer. This is based on the truth that it is nearly impossible to achieve or become what you cannot define. Additionally, having a renewed definition of prayer can help us discover a renewed commitment to prayer.

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What is your definition of Prayer?

Suggested Definitions of Prayer

Consistent Communication with God

In order to enjoy the efficacy of prayer, one must be devoted i.e. committed - 1 Thess. 5:17. Col. 4:12. *Consistency is the hallmark of commitment.*

02

Communicating our Requests to God

Without an invitation there can be no intervention. Prayer enables us to invite God to our needs and struggles. It also allows us to articulate our gratitude and admiration of Him. Philippians 4:6

Scriptural Focus

03

Resting in God's Presence

Prayer should not always be about presenting a wish list to God. As one grows in Christ and cultivates a healthy and wholesome prayer life, the fulfilment of being in God's presence exceeds the magnitude of one's challenges- Ps. 16:11, Ps. 21:6.

Illustrations

04

The air I breathe

As a child of God, you live, move and have your entire being in Christ - Acts 17:8. Your existence for the next moment, minute and second depends solely and entirely on Him. Thus, prayer enables you to inhale from the nostrils of God.

Renewed Definition

Summarised Analysis of Definitions

The first half of the definitions suggested by attendees emphasised the word "communication" or its derivative. The second half focus on relationship. It is impossible to commune with one you have no relationship!



Your intimacy with God
will determine your efficacy in God
- Samuel Jonathan

Scriptural Focus – Psalm 42:1-2

In order to have a wholesome and comprehensive blend of both perspectives of definition, communication versus relationship, and to better understand why prayer is more about relationship than requests, we laser beamed on Psalm 42:1- 2. We intend continuing with this and additional biblical text during our next session on July 10.

Illustrations



Flight TK1979

On the 14th of February, Pastor Samuel Jonathan was flying from Istanbul to London. The air-hosting personnel made eight repeated frantic announcements on the in-flight PA system for any medical doctor on board to quickly avail themselves. A middle-aged lady was on the verge of death! Even though Samuel is not a doctor and has no medical training, the Holy Spirit prompted him to attend to the medical situation. They were 30,000+ feet in the air. The Holy Spirit instructed him to respond with the words “I am not a Doctor but know of one who can attend to the passenger”. When the airline staff realised he was going to pray, they ignored him! In obedience to the Holy Spirit, while the air hostesses and nearby passengers were trying to resuscitate the dying passenger, Pastor Samuel stretched forth his hand and said a 2-sentence prayer. Surprisingly, the lady immediately recovered and was fully restored! On that flight, there were no human doctors. However, the Great Physician was on board. This experience leads us to another definition of prayer. Prayer is my vehicle for change. Through prayer, change can occur in our personal lives, families, career and even our society.



UK Prayer

After receiving the commission from the Holy Spirit to relocate and prepare for missions in the United Kingdom, the LORD burdened Pastor Samuel Jonathan and his wife Pastor Lynda, to fervently pray for the UK. One morning, after the family had enjoyed communion with God, Pastor Samuel received a visitation from the Holy Spirit. The Spirit of God prompted him to pick up his pen and begin to write. It was like a secretary taking dictation from one's boss. After the writing concluded, the Holy Spirit said “You shall call it ‘UK Prayer’”. Upon his arrival in Birmingham, Pastor Samuel recorded “UK Prayer” as a poetic prayer single. Within 72 hours of its release, it made it to No.1 on *ReverbNation's* local charts for Birmingham (Christian Music). To the Glory of God (and God alone), there has been no terror-related death on UK soil since this prayer single's release in July 2017. All adoration be to the LORD of Hosts. You can obtain your complimentary copy of UK Prayer (both in music and written form) by visiting www.SamuelJonathan.org/UKprayer



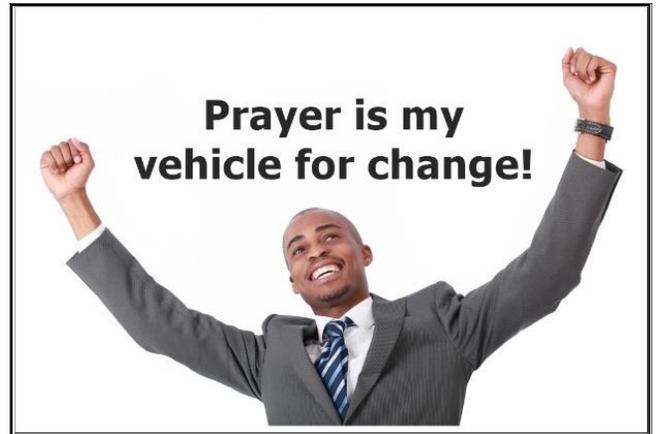
86% of Patients Discharged

Several years ago, whilst heading Pray Atlanta, the LORD instructed Pastor Samuel to take his team to Scottish Rite Children's Hospital and organize a prayer service. In obedience to the Holy Spirit, the team went with Pastor Samuel and they had a 30-minute prayer service in the hospital's chapel. **Later that week**, Pastor Samuel received a call from a Pharmacist who works at the hospital and a member of the prayer team, that there was a problem! What was the problem? Over 85% of the patients on his ward had been discharged since the prayer service and now the hospital staff don't have enough work to do!

Renewed Definition

There are more inspiring definitions of prayer that will keep pouring in. In fact, as you experience God the more, your definition and perspective about prayer will continue to evolve. When we take a look at the three testimonies shared above and what was written concerning Jesus in Acts 2:22, we keenly observe and conclude that Jesus was manifesting iconic and transformational change through prayer! He had no magic to perform and no hidden agenda other than prayer. Through prayer, change can be experienced in our personal lives, professional lives, health, families and even our society. Hence, our renewed definition: "Prayer is my vehicle for change"*

*The term "Change" is in no way referring to any get-rich-quick formula or agenda. Godly change is the most significant change an individual can go through. And once that experience of the Cross is fully encountered, it results in wholesome change in every aspect and facet of an individual's life. Without holiness, a life dedicated to pleasing God and abiding by His Word, no one can "see" the Lord - Hebrews 12:14.



See you next Tuesday!

6:30pm - 7:30pm
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