



HOMECCELL NOTES

I NEED YOU HOLY SPIRIT! – PART 2 - PS NAAS VERMAAK

21 AUGUST 2022

WELCOME

Welcome all members who are joining the Homecell. You may do an icebreaker.

WORSHIP

Prepare Praise and Worship for the Homecell gathering. (1 Praise & 2 Worship songs)

WORD

PRAYER

The Word of God is the main way the Lord speaks to us. The primary way in which we speak to God is in prayer.

QUESTION: What is prayer?

ANSWER: Prayer is intimate & personal communion with God, a two-way relationship in which you spend time talking to Him and listening to Him. Prayer is at the heart of our relationship with God. Through it, we have access to our heavenly Father. Prayer is not a religious routine, but a way of getting to know God personally and powerfully.

We can learn at least seven important prayer principles from Jesus' example and teaching.

What did Jesus teach about prayer? Not only was Jesus the outstanding example of man of prayer, he was also the outstanding teacher of the principles of prayer.

1. We must pray regularly **Read Luke 5:16** (NKJV)

The Scripture says "Jesus often withdrew... to pray". He placed value on spending regular time with His Father.

Many believers neglect their prayer life until they are in a crisis. Then they urgently call out to God for help.

Although God sometimes answers such prayers, He is not satisfied with them. Some people are so comfortable they no longer read the Bible, pray or feel they need to depend on God daily.

Sooner or later though, life will bring you to your knees.

2. We must pray privately **Read Matthew 6: 5-6** (NKJV)

Personal prayer is your private relationship with God. It is your opportunity to meet with God. Since it is a private matter, we should find a quiet place where we can be alone with God when we pray. Your 'prayer room' need not be a room as such; it can be any place where you can be alone with God.

3. We must pray simply and sincerely **Read Matthew 6:7-8** (NKJV)

God is more interested in what you are than in what you say. The condition of your heart, not the content of your prayers, is what matters to him. Prayer is a matter of the heart. The Lord loves simple prayers that come from sincere love for Him. God already knows everything about us. We do not need to impress Him with flowery prayers. God wants us to speak to Him as we would speak to our earthly fathers – in simple words, with a sincere heart.

4. We must pray with perseverance **Read Luke 11:5-13** (NKJV)

I have often heard believers say: "If you ask in faith, you only have to ask once. Then you just need to believe God for your answer." Although this sounds logical and spiritual, it does not agree with Jesus' teaching about persevering prayer. The Bible paints a different picture of true faith – true faith holds aggressively onto God in prayer until it receives an answer. God blesses those who refuse to let go of Him. (Gen. 32:26) God rewards faith – and perseverance shows strong faith!

5. We must pray with faith **Read Mark 11:24** (NKJV)

The Bible says, “And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him” (Heb. 11:6). Nowhere is the need for faith more important than in prayer. How do we reconcile Mark 11:24 with Jesus’ teaching about persevering in prayer?

Steadfast, faith-filled prayer passes through three stages:

- a) **Petition** – Effective prayer begins with a God-given burden. You pray earnestly for as long as you have the burden. This may mean that you travail before the Lord for a long time, desperately seeking His face.
- b) **Peace** – **Read Philippians 4:6-7** Eventually, the burden lifts and God’s peace enters your heart. The Holy Spirit gives you His assurance of the answer to your prayers. You don’t have the answer itself, but you have the assurance that it will come. Now your prayers change their tone.
- c) **Praise** – When the burden has lifted and the Lord’s peace has come, you stop praying and start praising. You continue to give thanks until you receive the promised answer (or until the Lord brings back the burden). We should persevere in faith-filled prayer until God gives us an answer (usually an inner assurance that He said “yes”). Then we should continue to believe that we have received it (by promise) and it will be ours (in reality).

6. We receive God’s power through prayer **Read Mark 9:29**

Prayer is our source of spiritual power. Prayer changes things, but more importantly prayer changes people. When we spend time with God, we open our lives to His power. We put ourselves in a place where the Holy Spirit can work in us and prepare us so that He can work through us. ‘What the church needs today is not more novel methods, but men the Holy Ghost can use – men of prayer, men mighty in prayer’.

7. We must pray with an attitude of surrender to God’s will **Read Luke 22:42**

We must be humble enough to recognize that we do not always know what is best for us, but God does. In His infinite wisdom, our heavenly Father sometimes does not grant our requests, because he knows what we want is not good for us. This does not mean He has not answered our prayer – ‘yes’, ‘no’, and ‘wait’. He always reserves the right to say ‘no’ or ‘wait’; we must be willing to accept His answer because we know that He knows best.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday: **8:00am – Mossel Bay Live with Pastor Naas**
 8:45am to 9:10am – Pre-prayer
 9:30am - Pastor Naas Live and live on Facebook and YouTube!
 6:00pm - Live Link with Ps At Boshoff!

Intercessory Prayer at church:
 Thursday Evening @ 6:30pm

Prayer & Intersession at church:
 Friday Morning @ 6:00am

Business Homecell at 101 Meade Street:
 Friday Morning @ 7:00am

What to look forward to:

Coffee & Tea on Sunday mornings after the service @ R10

5 – 7 Oct – Dreamweek 2022

WORKS

If we want people to experience the breakthroughs God promised, we need to get them into the presence of God!
Challenge members to invite a friend or family member to join us at church on Sunday.
Let’s continue to be vigilant in WINNING THE LOST AT ANY COST!