

40 Days of Prayer

Week 5

Feb. 7-Feb. 13

Chapter 8-9 of Praying the Bible

⇒ Before you connect with your prayer people this week, read chapters 8-9 of Praying the Bible.

I'm loving it. It's encouraging me. It's been meaningful. These are some of the comments I've heard from those that I've communicated with, when asked about praying the Psalms. What have you discussed in your cords, prayer groups, or time together? Whitney makes a great statement in chapter 8 that resonates with me, "the Bible is God speaking, the means by which God enters the two-way communication of prayer." I've had that "kind of friend"-the one where you feel like you have to constantly drive the conversation. If you don't say something, nothing is said. It can be exhausting! You probably have that friend too. You love them dearly but communicating is rough. Praying the bible frees us from having that feeling that we're the only one talking. Prayer was never meant to be a one-way communication but many times we've made it that way. I love that our God, Almighty God wants us to talk to Him but He also wants to talk to us.

Whitney goes on to say that we can profit satisfyingly from the Word of God and experience a meaningful prayer life. I consider this a double-edged sword. The double-edged sword "cuts both ways," it can hurt both the person attacked and the attacker. A double-edged sword works together. When thrusting both sides work in unison to pierce. But the double-edged sword can also work independently. Only one edge can be used at a time. Isn't that true of the Word of God and Prayer? The Word of God and Prayer are both useful independently but TOGETHER, what power. I keep remembering Whitney's statement from page 37 of Praying the Bible, when he says, "the Spirit of God will use the Word of God to help the people of God pray increasingly according to the will of God." The Spirit of God. The Word of God. The People of God. The Will of God. I believe that equals the Power of God.

For our daily prayer challenges this week:

February 7: Read through Psalm 7, 37, 67, 97, 127; use these passages to speak to God.

February 8: Read through Psalm 8, 38, 68, 98, 128; use these passages to speak to God.

February 9: Read through Psalm 9, 39, 69, 99, 129; use these passages to speak to God.

February 10: Read through Psalm 10, 40, 70, 100, 130; use these passages to speak to God.

February 11: Read through Psalm 11, 41, 71, 101, 131; use these passages to speak to God.

February 12: Read through Psalm 12, 42, 72, 102, 132; use these passages to speak to God.

February 13: Read through Psalm 13, 43, 73, 103, 133; use these passages to speak to God.

⇒ **Important: When you pray with others, remember to intercede on behalf of EE ministries and other requests made below.**

⇒ **Next week we will read chapter 10 of Praying the Bible.**

Evangelism Explosion Prayer Requests and Guide when praying with others:

