

40 Days of Prayer Challenge #2

Week 4 of Challenge #2

For the week of March 28-April 3

- ⇒ Even if you are a return prayer warrior, please sign up again! We'd love to know who is connecting with us so we can pray for you throughout each challenge. Even if you've signed up in the past, we need to sign up for **EACH** challenge.
- ⇒ Read days 22 to 28 in Draw the Circle – one reading each day and use the questions given below to reflect on what you've read. Also, use the scripture provided to keep you praying the Bible.
- ⇒ Choose one day a week to connect with your prayer people. Make your time together enjoyable and effective. Whatever day you meet, challenge each other to reflect upon what you have read and pray the bible scripture together. Then take time to intercede on behalf of the ministry of EE, churches, pastors, cities, states, our country and unbelievers. These requests will be listed below and can also be found on the *Click and Pray* feature of the homepage

Batterson makes a great statement in his book, “We can’t dream big without thinking long. We often want God to do things at the speed of light, but in God’s kingdom, things happen at the speed of a seed planted in the ground that has to take root before it can bear fruit. This is about trusting His timing – and with the Lord, ‘A day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day’ (2 Peter 3:8). We need more patience and more persistence....and that’s a by-product of time and experience. You never know when or where or how God will answer, but He always answers. Prayer is playing a long game. Why? Because our prayers are eternal.”

As you think about your time in prayer this week, *read, pray* and *meditate* on Joshua 14:6-12. Consider these concepts:

1. Dream big, pray hard.....and think long.
2. Praying ALAT – “as long as it takes.”
3. Caleb was fighting a battle for future generations – as we are.
4. We don’t plant seeds of faith for ourselves.
5. God remembers His promise to David....six kings later.

-----Daily Prayer Challenges-----

- Sunday, Day 22: “When God gives a vision, He always makes provision. Read Judges 6:33-40. How did Gideon ask God to confirm His promise? How did the Lord respond to those requests? Read the scripture again and talk to God about an area of your life that gives you uncertainty. Lay it before the Father who knows all things and ask for wisdom.
- Monday, Day 23: “Sometimes God’s *no* simply means *not yet*” Read Acts 1:4-5. Why did Jesus instruct His disciples to wait instead of immediately striking out to share the gospel? What might have happened if they didn’t wait? Read the scripture again and talk to God about surrendering all your precious things to Him and asking for His restoration. Press into the presence of the Giver and pray patiently, humbly, and persistently.
- Tuesday, Day 24: “If you want to find your voice, you need to hear the voice of God. Read 2 Timothy 3:14-17. How does Paul instruct Timothy on how to know the voice of God and continue to walk in His ways? Read the scripture again and talk to God about Him helping you to hear His voice.
- Wednesday, Day 25: “Prayer is the way we recognize potential in others.” Read 1 Corinthians 14:3-4. What does Paul say is the value of “prophesying” among believers in Christ? Read the scripture again and talk to God about Him helping YOU to identify that person you need to talk to and the message you are to share with them.
- Thursday, Day 26: “Change of pace + change of place = change of perspective.” Read 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18. What do you think it looks like to “rejoice always,” “pray continually,” and give thanks for all circumstances”? Read the scripture again and ask God to help you to remember to pray without ceasing. Write down your commitment to Him.
- Friday, Day 27: “If you want to break the sin habit, you’ve got to establish a prayer habit.” Read Matthew 17:18-21. The disciples asked Jesus why they had been unable to cast out a demon from a child. Jesus replied. “This kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting”. What does this tell you about the level of spiritual warfare that was taking place in this situation? Read the scripture again and talk to God about considering something you can give up so you can lift up your prayer request. Maybe it’s food, media, or another activity you love. Whenever you think about it during the day, replace it with prayer.
- Saturday, Day 28: “Don’t just pray about it, do something about it.” Read James 2:14-17. What does James say about faith without actions when it comes to serving others? Read the scripture again and reflect upon previous prayer requests and the prayer requests you know the people in your life are making. Is there something you can do to help answer one of those prayers?

Mark Batterson: [Draw the Circle;: Taking the 40-Day Prayer Challenge Study Guide](#)