WEEK SIX

CALLING OUT

Memory Verse

Mark 11:22-24

So Jesus answered them, "Have faith in God.

For assuredly I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea', and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. "Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them."

Word for the Week: Prayer

Cultivating the discipline of prayer

The secret of prayer? Praying according to the will of the Father What is prayer? How does prayer work? Are blessings from God dependent on prayer? Are you able to choose prayer over worry and anxiety? Is there really a way to pray without ceasing? The secret of prayer? Praying according to the will of the Father

- 1. Prayer is an action that will draw us closer to our heavenly Father.
- 2. Prayer is a God-ordained alternative to worry, anxiety and stress.
- 3. Prayer creates a relationship of intimacy with God.
- 4. Prayer builds our confidence in the sovereignty and wisdom of God.
- 5. Prayer deepens our faith and paves the way for God to work His will in our lives.

This lesson covers a lot of different aspects of prayer. This chapter is not the final authority on prayer, yet it gives us a fresh perspective on the subject.

Each of us has our favorite scriptures concerning prayer. I love Romans 8:28, 'And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.' In the blank space below, write in your favorite verse concerning prayer and be ready to share it with the group. Make sure you have put it to memory. Our favorite scriptures should be hid in our hearts through memorization.

As we learned last week about the importance of surrender, discuss with another believer the relationship between surrender and prayer. Share with them something *fresh* that you have learned in this lesson and get their perspective on what you have been meditating on these past 2 weeks.

Remember that "your view of God will shape every aspect of your spiritual life, especially how you pray. It will determine what you pray for, the peace (or lack of such) you will glean from discipline, and greatly impact what you expect God to accomplish. The truth is, He is limitless in power and His capabilities are far beyond our imagination. Do your prayers reflect an awesome, sovereign God or merely a kind, old man?"

Homework Review: Do lesson Memorize