

A Renewed Call to Prayer

Sunday, April 14, 2019

Acts 4:31

**“A praying church and a praying people
makes ALL things possible.”**

I. A Praying Church

Acts 2:1 – Praying in Upper Room and HS comes upon them

Acts 2:42 – Early church praying; miracles and lives changed

Acts 4:31 – Disciples pray for boldness and building is shaking

Acts 5:19 – Angel releases Peter and John from prison to preach

Acts 13:1 – Church praying, HS says ‘separate me Paul and Barnabas’

A praying church is a force to be reckoned with.”

Terry Virgo

“Prayer is stressed over and over again in the New Testament as a vital pre-requisite for the release and experience of God’s power.”

Philip Hughes

II. A Praying People

“Much praying is not done because we do not plan to pray. We do not drift into spiritual life; we do not drift into disciplined prayer. We will not grow in prayer unless we plan to pray. That means we must self-consciously set aside time to do nothing but pray.” DA Carson

What Prayer Brings:

1) Perspective

“Prayer brings perspective, shows the big picture, gets you out of the weeds, reorients you to where you really are.” Tim Keller

2) Strength

“Prayer is the powerful appropriation of power, of divine power.”

PT Forsyth

3) Spiritual Reality

“Prayer is steeped in the awareness, often an awe-filled awareness, of the presence of God.” E. Clowney

When you and I pray, we enter into the presence of God!

III. Pray! Pray! Pray!