

PREVAILING FAITH Key to Prevailing Prayer

Text: Luke 8:41-56...Faith that prevails...Many fail to receive answer because don't understand principle of prevailing faith -- faith that gets its SECOND WIND...beyond the initial BELIEVING...

There is a point at which, after we have got hold of God and laid our petition before Him and know He has heard, that intercession stops and believing takes over...not that we didn't believe before, but faith that keeps the petition before God. *Some praying is an expression of unbelief - panic prayer*

After we have prevailed in prayer, we must prevail in faith, keep the door of expectation open till answer comes, strike the pose of faith, assume the attitude of believing. Often God finally brings the gift, only to find the door of expectation closed and we cannot receive. *Too much praying - rest of faith can neutralize prayer - praying beyond contact*

In face of delay and disaster and discouragement

"KEEP ON BELIEVING"

PREVAILING FAITH DESCRIBED

John 5:15 - "If we know He HEAR us"

→ not hard for our much speaking

1. Jairus knew if he got hold of Jesus all would be well. *I Delay* *It's ours when we know He has heard us - this knowing is vital - don't pray blind.*
2. The circumstance called for immediate action, delay would be deadly...our attitude: "Do it now!" *only daughter*
3. Jesus responds immediately -- THEN PAUSES, a test of faith. *we hope at first, then delay causes our hope to lessen*
4. *I keep my eye on Jesus at delay* Imagine Jairus' feelings -- perhaps resents this woman's intrusion -- her need not nearly as severe as his.

At this time we see God answering all about us *Mr* lesser prayers, meeting lesser needs.

- II Defeat* *watch Jesus*
5. Then:::"THE GIRL IS DEAD." I knew this would happen if Jesus didn't hurry.

6. DON'T TROUBLE THE MASTER ANY LONGER -- hope gone.



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Prevailing Prayer
Keep on Believing in face of

I - Delay

While you're waiting, keep eyes on Jesus - He's
demonstrating his power to heal & save

II - Defeat = dead - Don't bother master -
only work Jesus
Fear not =

III - Disbelief
Discouragement = laughing & mocking
of friends
get rid of hindrances

Difent

7. "FEAR NOT" Fear comes from HUMAN ASSESSMENT of a situation...seeing, thinking and evaluating from man's standpoint.

(Don't let the facts shake you!)

8. ("KEEP ON BELIEVING...") Here is the key. Keep on doing what you started out to do. Here is the stretch, the second wind, the believing beyond, the FAITH THAT PREVAILS...

No more pleading or praying - Just simple, silent believing

Here's where many fall short of the victory.

You believed when you had reason to believe,
now keep on believing when you have no reason to believe.

You believed when there was hope and help...now believe in midst of hopelessness and helplessness.

(Ill--ABRAHAM hoped against hope, when there was no reason to hope.)

Matthew 15, the ~~Cananaite~~ Canaanite woman --dog

9. NOW he had ONLY JESUS WORD TO LEAN ON!

10. During Delay he had seen a DEMONSTRATION OF JESUS POWER --woman sick 12 yrs, daughter 12 yrs old.

11. LAUGHTER OF UNBELIEVING --scoffed

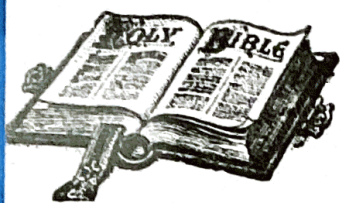
12. GOT RID OF HINDRANCES -- excluded from seeing the miracle

Ill--George Mueller and fog. "Ypu need not pray. You do not believe."

When on deck and fog was lifting...

You have prevailed with Gdd, prayed, He has heard... now what? Strike a pose of faith...KEEP ON BELIEVING. KEEP THE DOOR OF EXPECTATION OPEN.

Discouragement



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It is faith beyond that which brings us to
Jesus - keeps it there =

Prevailing Faith is Keep on Believing

- 1- Not Discouraged by Delay
- 2- Not Fear the Facts

3- Steps w/ Jesus

Keep on Believing

- 1- Faith encouraged by Love

A. F. goes on w/out hope

- 2- Faith brings us to Jesus

A. F. keeps us w/ Him

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