HOW YOU PRAY MATTERS



2 CHRONICLES 20:6-12

To pray is to converse with God, which requires **listening** as well as speaking.

To be **Spirit led**, you must be **Scripture fed**.

Seek out others to pray with you.

The intensity of our need = the sense of urgency.

Remember what God has done

"O LORD, God of our ancestors, You alone are the God who is in heaven. You are ruler of all the kingdoms of the earth. You are powerful and mighty; no one can stand against You! O our God, did You not drive out those who lived in this land when Your people Israel arrived? And did You not give this land forever to the descendants of Your friend Abraham?

Your people settled here and built this Temple to honor Your Name. They said, "Whenever we are faced with any calamity such as war, plague, or famine, we can come to stand in Your Presence before this Temple where Your Name is honored. We can cry out to You to save us, and you will hear us and rescue us.

And now see what the armies of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir are doing. You would not let our ancestors invade those nations when Israel left Egypt, so they went around them and did not destroy them. Now you see how they reward us! For they have come to throw us out of Your land, which You gave to us an an inheritance.

O our God, won't you stop them? We are powerless against this mighty army that is about to attack us. We do not know what to do, but we are looking to You for help."

Know who you are praying to.

God invites to know Him AND to ask of Him!!!

The Heart of God

What good is it, dear brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but don't show it by your actions? Can that kind of faith save anyone? Suppose you see a brother or sister who has no food or clothing, and you say, "Goodbye and have a good day; stay warm and eat well"—but then you don't give that person any food or clothing. What good does that do?

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APPLICATION

PRAY, PRAY WITH OTHERS, AND PRAY WITH CONFIDENCE