

## **Sermon: Unbelief in Prayer**

**I. Realize prayerlessness is sin \_\_\_\_\_ by unbelief. 1 Samuel 12:23; 1 Timothy 2:1–4.**

**II. We must believe God \_\_\_\_\_ answer prayers offered in His will. 1 John 5:14–15; James 1:5–8**

**1. Realize prayer plays a big part in spiritual warfare. 2 Corinthians 10:4–5**

**III. Prayer is \_\_\_\_\_ of Himself. John 15:3,5; 7–11; Hebrews 11:1; John 3:8; Hebrews 11:6**

**IV. Prayer helps us \_\_\_\_\_ the blessings of grace. 1 Peter 1:7-10**

**Thought for the day** Most Christians would tell you we believe in the power of prayer so why does we need to consider there is unbelief in prayer. We do not doubt God but we do often doubt our ability to hear or see His answers. Many times, we pray when what we pray for is a life changing situation and our desire is for him to grant our request. It may be that someone we love is sick or caught in a Satanic stronghold. Persecution maybe intensifying around us. We are afraid of the answer anticipating the pain ahead. Another problem is the inability to be still and let God speak to us. The key to understanding prayer is realizing just how much God loves us. He died so that we might be reconciled to Him; so, we can have a relationship where we can communicate with Him as a Father with a son. He uses the Bible and each other but prayer is when we set time aside to be with Him. What we are describing is a conscious contact, something available to all of us. In this world we will have trials and times when it feels like we can't go on; even times when it feels like the pain is so great, we can't breathe. Jesus tells us, I will not leave you I'll be there to weep with you and lift up, to see you through, all you need to do is ask. That is the power and promise of prayer. Jesus is faithful. **Proverbs 3:5–6** <sup>5</sup> Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; And lean not unto thine own understanding. <sup>6</sup> In all thy ways acknowledge him, And he shall direct thy paths. It is through prayer that God reveals his way and I live the blessed life of a God directed path. **Pastor Bruce**