

## FAITHFUL MEN

April 26, 2022

1. Opening Prayer Time
2. Watch Prayer Video - "Six Lessons in Prayer: #1"
3. Prayer Teaching/Discussion (Pastor Paul)
4. Break: 10 minutes (until 7:30)
5. Small Group Time
6. 8:30 - Dismissed

### **Homework: due by our next meeting (May 26th)**

- BE Book reading (147-159)
- BE Workbook, Lesson 4
- Watch two videos by navigating to the following web page:
  - Go to "biblicaleldership.com"
  - Click on the "Training Resources" box
  - Click on the "Effectiveness" box
  - Click on the "Spiritual Life" box
  - Click on the "Prayer" box
  - Watch the two videos: "**Six Lessons in Prayer 2-4**" and "**Six Lessons in Prayer 4-6**"

**“Pray for One Another”**

Acts 20:28 – **“Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock...”**

Samuel Chadwick, “Satan dreads nothing but prayer. His one concern is to keep God’s people from praying. He fears nothing from prayerless studies, prayerless work, prayerless religion. He laughs at our toil, mocks our wisdom, but trembles when we pray.”

Oswald Chambers: “Our ordinary views of prayer are not found in the New Testament. We look upon prayer as a means of getting things for ourselves; the Bible idea of prayer is that we may get to know God Himself.”

(See Eph. 1:15-23; 3:14-21)

- Paul modeled a lifestyle of prayer (Rom. 1:9f; 1 Cor. 1:4ff; Eph. 1:15ff; 3:14ff; Phil. 1:3ff; Col. 1:9ff; 1 Thess. 1:2ff; 3:11-13; 5:23f; 2 Thess. 1:3; 2:13; 1 Tim. 2:1-8; 2 Tim. 1:3-4; Phile 4)

**1 Thess. 5:25 – “Brethren, pray for us!”**

**I. Who – “us”**

**II. Why**

- “Brothers”
- Command
- They need it! See 1 Cor. 2; 16:9; Rom. 15:30-32; 2 Cor. 1:11; Eph. 6:18-20; Phil. 1:19; Col. 4:3f; 2 Thess. 3:1-3; Phile 22; Heb. 13:18f; 2 Cor. 3:1-5. Read 1 Thess. 5:23-24.
- It works! James 5:16; Phil. 1:19; Acts 12
- They deserve it! Heb. 13:18f; 1 Thess. 5:12, 13, 25
- They pray for you – “also.” 1 Thess. 1:3; 3:11-13; 5:23f; 28
- Draw you into their lives. Partner with them in ministry.

**III. When - “pray”**

- Continuously – “keep on praying” – at every remembrance
- Corporately – “brothers”; “pray” = second person plural

**IV. How**

- Rom. 15:30 – “strive”
- Col. 4:2; Acts 1:14; Rom. 12:12 – “devote”

**V. What – “also”**

- Praise – 1:3
- Purity – 3:11-13; 5:23f
- Profound Grace – 5:28
- Personal walk with Christ – Col. 1; Eph. 1; 3
- Protection – 2 Thess. 3:1; Rom. 15:30-31; 2 Cor. 11

- Power – Eph. 6:18-20
- Proclamation – Eph. 6:18-20; Col. 4:3f; 2 Thess. 3:1; 2 Tim. 4
- Practical Wisdom & Skills – Rom. 15:30-31
- Perspective – Phil. 1:12; 1 Cor. 16:5-7; Rom. 15:22-31; Eph. 5:15f; Acts 6:1-4; 2 Cor. 12:9f; Rom. 12:1-2; Lk. 2:52
- Perseverance – Col. 4:14; 2 Tim. 4:10 (Demas); 1 Cor. 9:24-27; 2 Tim. 1:6-12; 2:3ff
- Personal Discipleship – 2 Tim. 2:2; Lk. 6:12ff
- Personal Friendships – Mk. 3:14; Rom. 16; Col. 4
- Partners – Mt. 9:35-38; Mk. 6:7; Acts 11:19-26; 13:2; 17-18; Phil. 2:19ff; 1 Thess. 2
- Political Structures – 1 Tim. 2:1-4
- Provisions

### **Even for the Apostle Paul, ministry was hard!**

2 Corinthians 1:8–11 (NASB95) – <sup>8</sup> For we do not want you to be unaware, brethren, of our affliction which came *to us* in Asia, that we were burdened excessively, beyond our strength, so that we despaired even of life; <sup>9</sup> indeed, we had the sentence of death within ourselves so that we would not trust in ourselves, but in God who raises the dead; <sup>10</sup> who delivered us from so great a *peril of death*, and will deliver *us*, He on whom we have set our hope. And He will yet deliver us, <sup>11</sup> you also joining in helping us through your prayers, so that thanks may be given by many persons on our behalf for the favor bestowed on us through the prayers of many.

Eph. 6:19-20: <sup>19</sup> and *pray* on my behalf, that utterance may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup> for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in *proclaiming* it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

- **Paul wasn't always bold!**

### **So What?**

1. Commit to pray faithfully for one another as spiritual leaders.
2. Commit to letting others know how specifically to pray for you.