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prayers be  
more  
powerful?

Part 1



# Last Week: Persevering in prayer




## Persevering in prayer

**“The capacity to continue to bear up under difficult circumstances, with a hopeful fortitude that resists weariness and defeat”**



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- 1) Petition (v1-17)
- 2) Peace (v18)
- 3) Praise (v22)



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# The Person and the prayer



## Devotion to prayer

(Mat 14:22) Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.

(Mat 14:23) And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone,





(Mar 1:35) And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed.

(Mar 1:36) And Simon and those who were with him searched for him,

(Mar 1:37) and they found him and said to him, "Everyone is looking for you."

(Mar 1:38) And he said to them, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out."



## The disciples fails to drive out an unclean spirit

(Mar 9:17) And someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute.

(Mar 9:18) And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able."



(Mar 9:19) And he answered them,  
"O faithless generation, how long  
am I to be with you? How long am I  
to bear with you? Bring him to me."

(Mar 9:20) And they brought the  
boy to him. And when the spirit saw  
him, immediately it convulsed the  
boy, and he fell on the ground and  
rolled about, foaming at the mouth.



(Mar 9:21) And Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood.

(Mar 9:22) And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us."



(Mar 9:23) And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible for one who believes."

(Mar 9:24) Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!"

(Mar 9:25) And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again."



(Mar 9:26) And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, "He is dead."

(Mar 9:27) But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose.

(Mar 9:28) And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?"



(Mar 9:29) And he said to them,  
"This kind cannot be driven out by  
anything but prayer."



**Tomorrow morning when you  
pray**

**Pray to the Father, in the name of  
Jesus and through the Spirit**





# Tomorrow morning when you pray

Experience the love of the Father  
The forgiveness from the Judge  
Guidance of the Counsellor