

A Lesson  
on Prayer

Mark 11:22-25

**Mark 11:22-25** - Then Jesus said to the disciples, “Have faith in God. <sup>23</sup> I tell you the truth, you can say to this mountain, ‘May you be lifted up and thrown into the sea,’ and it will happen.

But you must really believe it will happen and have no doubt in your heart. <sup>24</sup> I tell you, you can pray for anything, and if you believe that you've received it, it will be yours.

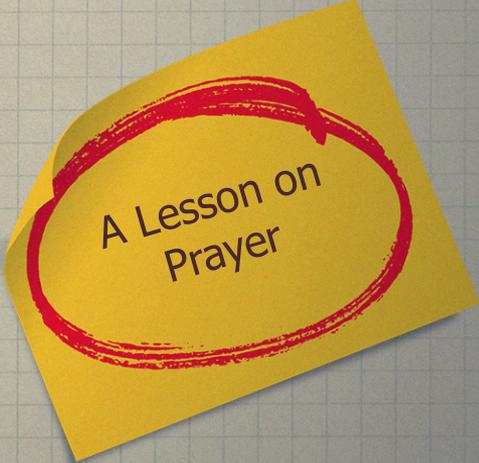
25 But when you are praying, first forgive anyone you are holding a grudge against, so that your Father in heaven will forgive your sins, too." NLT

**1 Thessalonians 5:15-17-** See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone.

<sup>16</sup> Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup> pray  
without ceasing, <sup>18</sup> give thanks  
in all circumstances; for this is  
the will of God in Christ Jesus  
for you. ESV

**1 Peter 1:8** - You love him even though you have never seen him. Though you do not see him now, you trust him; and you rejoice with a glorious, inexpressible joy. NLT

God can sustain you  
through prayer.



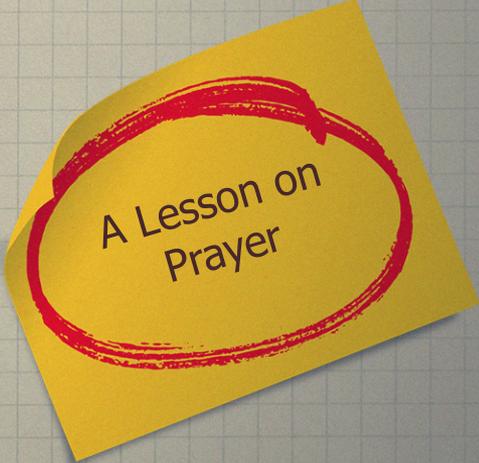
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# Psalm 77

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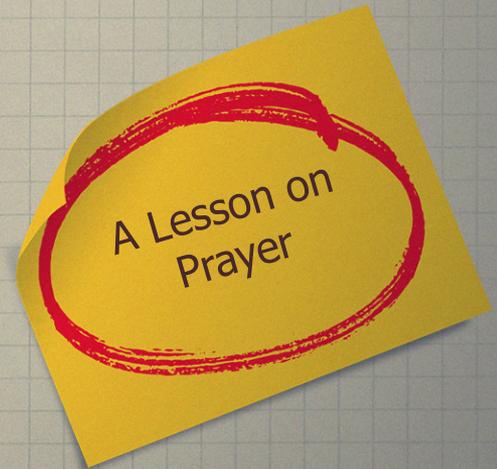
**11** But then I recall all you have done, O LORD; I remember your wonderful deeds of long ago.

# #1 Remember God's Faithfulness in the Past.

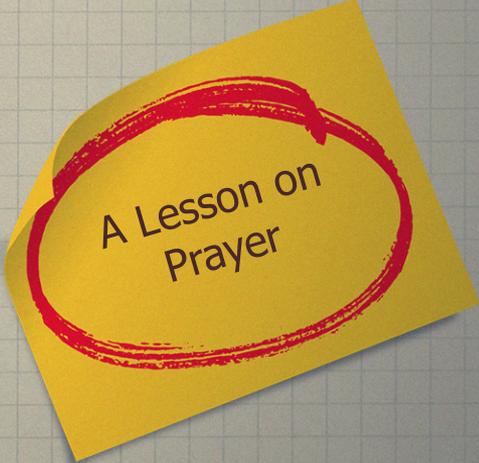


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In the midst of your  
present struggles when  
you don't hear or see  
God acting be like Asaph  
and remember God's  
faithfulness in your past.



# #2 Faith is Necessary.



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1 John 5:14-15 - And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything **according to his will** he hears us.

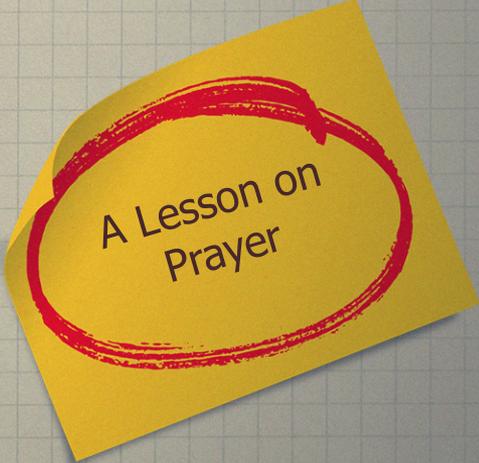
15 And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him. ESV

**James 4:3 & 15** - And even when you ask, you don't get it because your motives are all wrong—you want only what will give you pleasure.

**15** What you ought to say is,  
“If the Lord wants us to, we  
will live and do this or that.”

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# #3 Don't Doubt God's Ability

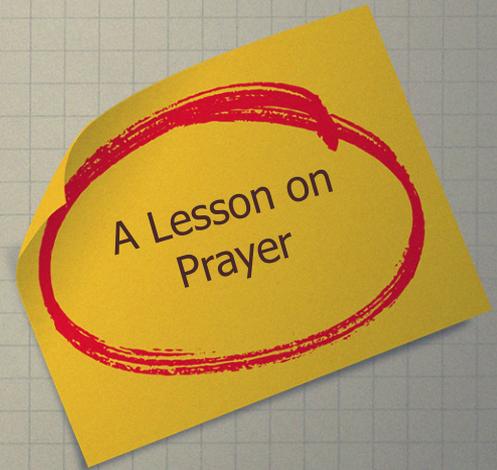


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**James 1:6-8** - But when you ask him, be sure that your faith is in **God alone**. Do not waver, for a person with divided loyalty is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is blown and tossed by the wind.

<sup>7</sup> Such people should **not expect to receive anything from the Lord.** <sup>8</sup> Their loyalty is **divided** between God and the world, and they are **unstable** in everything they do. NLT

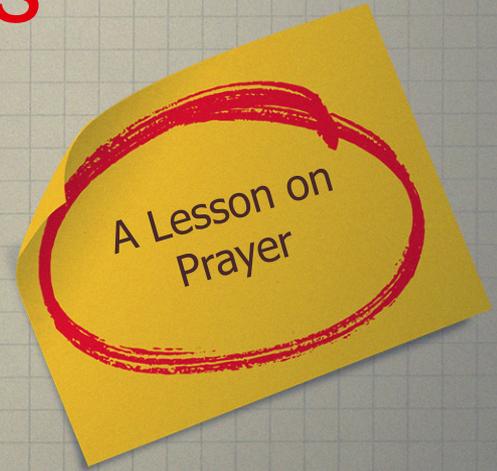
If you superimpose the  
limitations of the world or  
yourself on God this is  
doubt.



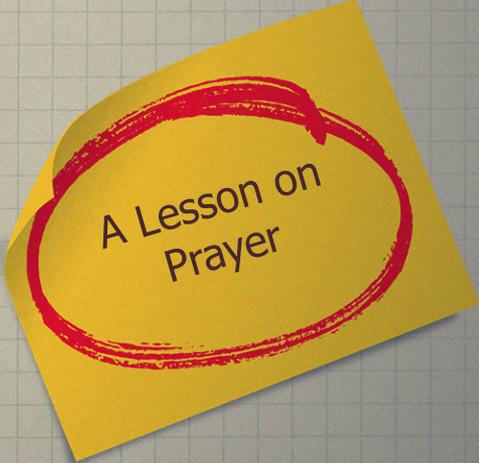
Mark 9:14-29

Matthew 14:29-31

Acknowledge that your faith  
isn't perfect and ask Jesus  
to increase your faith.



#4 Forgive others as God  
has forgiven you.



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If you harbor sin in your life  
don't expect to receive  
anything from your  
Heavenly Father.

Two Forms of Forgiveness

Positional & Practical

**John 13:6-10** - When Jesus came to Simon Peter, Peter said to him, “Lord, are you going to wash my feet?”

**7** Jesus replied, “You don’t understand now what I am doing, but someday you will.”

8 “No,” Peter protested, “you will never ever wash my feet!”  
Jesus replied, “Unless I wash you, you won’t belong to me.”

9 Simon Peter exclaimed, “Then wash my hands and head as well, Lord, not just my feet!”

10 Jesus replied, “A person who has bathed all over does not need to wash, except for the feet, to be entirely clean. And you disciples are clean, but not all of you.” NLT

Positional  
is related to  
Salvation.

Practical  
is related to  
Quality of Relationships.

**Matthew 6:14-15** - “If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. <sup>15</sup> But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins. NLT

Effective Prayer  
is related to  
a forgiving heart.

# Principle

the way you treat others is the  
way God will treat you.

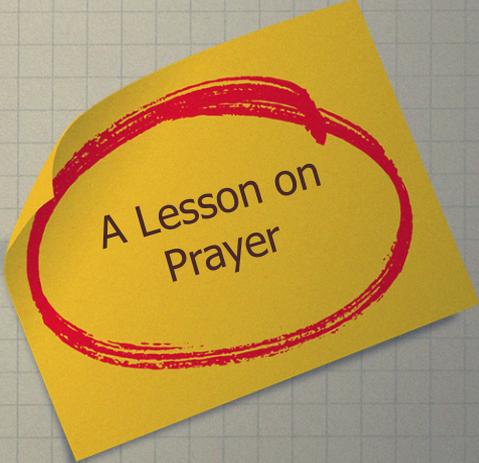
# Corporate Expression

When there is unconfessed sin within a local church the corporate prayer of that local body is hindered.

Acts 1:12-14

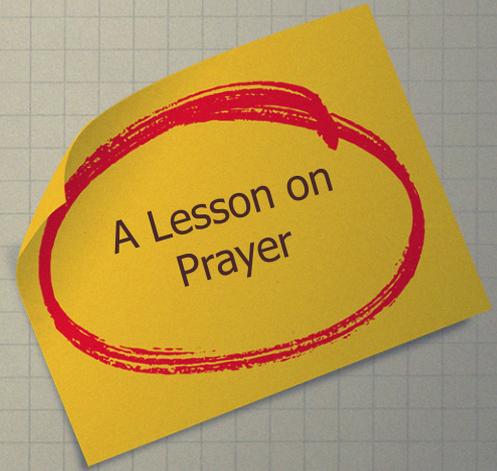
Jesus invites all his followers to  
look upward in faith and  
experience His power through  
prayer.

# Meditation & Application

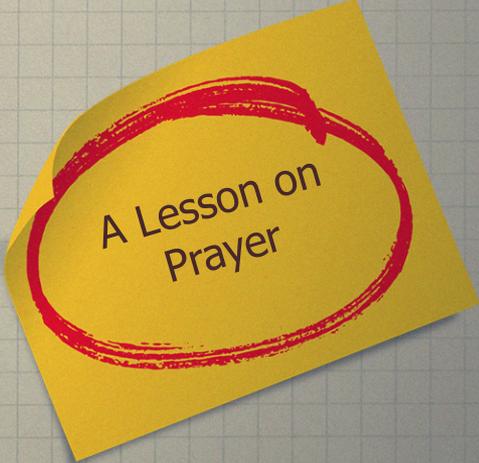


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**1. Remember how God  
has helped you in the  
past.**

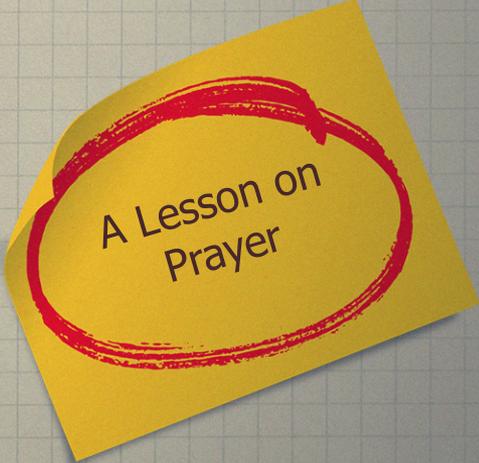


## 2. Faith is necessary.



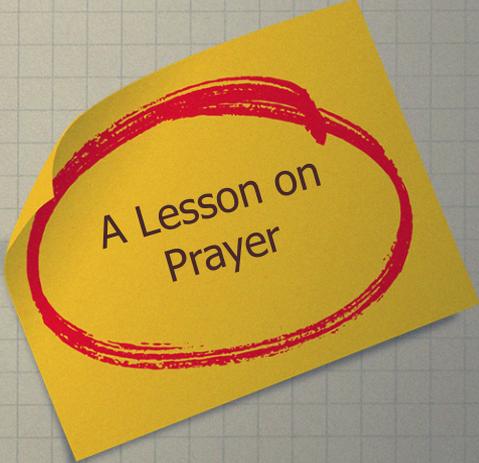
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# 3. Don't Doubt God.



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**4. Forgive others as God  
has forgiven you.**



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