

## Because You Prayed!

**Acts 6:4 (KJV):** “But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.”

Church, today we are stepping into a powerful reminder that **prayer still works, prayer still moves Heaven, and prayer still changes everything**. There are moments in life when our strength, resources, and abilities are not enough — and that is when we discover the power of prayer. Prayer is where the natural meets the supernatural, where burdens are exchanged for peace, and where God’s power is released into impossible situations.

The early church understood this truth. In Acts 6:4, the apostles declared, “**But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.**” They knew that before there was movement, there had to be prayer. Before there was power, there had to be surrender. Today, God is calling us back to the place of prayer — because some breakthroughs, some miracles, and some victories only happen **BECAUSE YOU PRAYED**.

### **POINT 1: Prayer Is Spiritual Warfare — The Battle Is Won on our Knees**

**Eph. 6:12 (KJV):** “For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers...”

**Eph 6:17-20 (KJV):** *Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people. Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.*

**Col. 4:12 (NIV):** *Epaphras, who is one of you and a servant of Christ Jesus, sends greetings. He is always wrestling in prayer for you, that you may stand firm in all the will of God, mature and fully assured.*

#### **TAKE AWAY NUGGETS:**

1. The Natural Battle Reveals a Spiritual Battle
2. Prayer Is Not Retreat — It Is Our Weapon of Engagement
3. Prayer Activates the Armor and Authority of God
4. Prayer Gives Us Strength to Stand in the Will of God
5. Your Prayer Can Release Breakthrough Beyond Your Reach

### **POINT 2: Prayer Positions Us for God’s Power and Purpose**

**Acts 2:4 (KJV):** “And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit...”

**Matt. 15:21-28 (NIV):** *Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup> A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly.” <sup>23</sup> Jesus did not answer a word. So,*

*his disciples came to him and urged him, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us." 24 He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel." 25 The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said. 26 He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs." 27 "Yes it is, Lord," she said. "Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table." 28 Then Jesus said to her, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed at that moment.*

### **TAKE AWAY NUGGETS:**

1. Prayer Positions Us for the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit
2. Prayer Places Us in Alignment With God's Power
3. Prayer Builds Persistent Faith That Refuses to Quit
4. Prayer Transforms Delay Into a Test of Faith, Not Denial
5. Prayer Moves Us From Petition to Encounter With Jesus
6. Prayer Breaks Barriers and Releases Breakthrough Authority
7. Prayer Positions Us to Walk in God's Purpose and Divine Assignment

### **Prophetic Declarations**

1. **"I declare that prayer is unlocking Heaven over my life** — every closed door is opening, every delay is shifting, and every promise of God is being released because I prayed!"
2. **"I declare that I am not defeated — I am a warrior in the Spirit.** My prayers are pulling down strongholds, breaking cycles, and dismantling every assignment of darkness over my life and family!"
3. **"I declare that I am being filled with the Holy Spirit afresh** — power is resting on me, boldness is rising in me, and I am walking in divine authority and assignment!"
4. **"I declare that what I prayed for in tears, I will see in testimony.** Heaven has heard me, and manifestation is on the way in Jesus' name!"
5. **"I declare that I will not faint in prayer** — I will persist like the Canaanite woman until breakthrough is released, because my faith will not let go of Jesus!"
6. **"I declare that my prayer life is positioning me for purpose** — I will not miss my assignment, I will not miss my timing, and I will not miss my open door season!"
7. **"I declare that the power of God is active in my life** — healings, deliverance, restoration, and salvation are following my prayers and manifesting in my atmosphere!"
8. **"I declare that my family, my church, and my generation are being impacted because I prayed** — heaven is responding and earth is aligning!"
9. **"I declare that every spiritual battle I face is already won on my knees** — I am standing in victory, not fighting for victory!"
10. **"I declare that this is my season of answered prayer, divine power, and supernatural alignment** — because I prayed, God is moving mightily on my behalf!"