

Intercession

“Prayer changes the person praying from the inside out. But prayer also releases power. Prayer releases power to affect real change in the tangible world.”

Monica’s Son

The story of Augustine’s mom and prayer.

Augustine was a womanizer and drunk who spent his time combatting Christian faith. After 9 years of his mother’s prayers, God spoke to him and he surrendered his life to Jesus.

Why do some answers to prayer take so long?

Paralyzed between Wonder and Mystery

The question: “Do my prayers matter in any visible, tangible sense?”

Do you pray safe and vague prayers so that you really never know if they were answered?

Luke 11:9 – “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.”

Mark 11:24 – “Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.”

John 14:13-14 – “And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.”

John 15:7 – “If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.”

Mathew 21:22 – “If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer.”

Do you pray as though you expect your prayer to be answered or is it a mere exercise?

Intercessory prayer: To pray for someone else is an act of love. Nothing is more important.

Do you pray for others?

God’s Original Plan – The story of prayer

1. Creation, 2. Fall, 3. Promise, 4. Jesus

The Question: Why were we made?

The Answer: To rule over the creatures of the earth.

We are to manage the world and God’s creation as an intercessor of God. As we were created in His image. Do you realize that you are royalty? Have you ever thought of your life in that way?

What responsibilities does that title mean for you?