



Meeting Notes: Prayer - Continued
(May 14, 2014)

We had a scheduled night off on May 7, 2014. These notes capture our May 14, 2014 meeting. We opened our meeting in prayer and then began our evening. Topic notes from the evening may not be in the order discussed during group, and they are not intended to cover everything discussed. They are intended as highlights to capture the essence of our evening. General notes follow each topic that was discussed.

GOD'S GOAL for the Group: For us to learn how to apply the Word to our lives.

CURRENT VISION: "The Year of Maturity: Learning how to hear with ears of faith that we may be doers of the word and not hearers only." Scripture Reference: **Mark 4:24**.

Closing the Loop on Last Week: The following questions arose while reviewing the prayers we discussed in our last meeting:

- **Prayer of Consecration:**
 - **Questions. One**, will God keep His part of the "deal" if we don't keep the vow we made? **Answer.** In looking at Scripture and even from personal experience, God delivers on His end first; however, when we don't keep our end of the vow we made to God, there are usually consequences ... missed blessings, things go awry, etc. **Two**, is there a limit on how many times we can make a vow before the Lord? **Answer.** There is no indication there is a limit.
 - **Comments.** We have to make sure God is okay with the vow we're making. In other words, our vow should line up with God's character and His Word, for we cannot expect Him to go against His Word to fill our vow. We also noted sometimes our vow is born from something God places in our heart. For example, we discussed when I left the military short of retirement. Since I wasn't sure if I was hearing from the Lord, I made a specific request of Him. Basically, IF He met my request, THEN I would separate. He not only met my request, He exceeded it! After that, every time I considered staying in, something negative happened, including my getting physically ill!

Discussion: Prayer – Scriptural Examples of Prayer, Continued

- **Overview:** We continued our examination of the Scriptural references to prayer.¹

¹ Rick Renner, *Dressed to Kill: A Biblical Approach to Spiritual Warfare and Armor*, (Tulsa: Teach all Nations, 1991).

- **The prayer we examined:**
 - **Prayer of authority (*aeito*) (G154):**
 - **Scriptures:** In looking at the related Scriptures, we noticed the importance of abiding in Him and His Word abiding in us (**John 15:7**); He hears our prayer WHEN we pray according to His will (**1 John 5:14-15**); He can do more than we ask for based on His power working in us (**Ephesians 3:20**); He specifically tells us to ask for wisdom (**James 1:5-6**), and we receive from Him what we ask for when we keep His commands, and we do what pleases Him (**1 John 3:22**).
 - **Other discussion:**
 - **Disobedience.** 1 John 3:22 led to a discussion on when we know we're not doing what we're supposed to do (something we know from the Word, but we choose to not do it). In those instances, we need to be ready to repent and turn from our ways. With a repentant heart, we'll ask God for help. However, if we don't repent, we won't ask God for help!
 - **"Name that Arrow" exercise.** We actually had an opportunity to use the "Name that Arrow" exercise² to capture (on the whiteboard) a specific challenge someone had faced that day! Drawing out her experience helped her to see the arrows coming her way, how she was responding to those arrows, and why she was not ready to turn from her anger.
 - **What we learned from the exercise.** We learned not wanting to let go of control was one reason this person was not ready to turn from her anger. We also learned, when we don't let go of our ungodly behavior, it affects us, not the other person. In addition, even if the circumstances are wrong, that doesn't change the condition of our heart. For example, in this instance, it appeared the other person may have been wrong in her approach, but when we examined whether our sister's actions were based on worldly wisdom or God's wisdom, we could see the specific challenges she was faced with, and by releasing the situation to the Holy Spirit, He was able to bring conviction and impart God's wisdom into her heart!
 - **Takeaway.** Spiritual boldness comes with spiritual authority! But, if we're not doing what God told us to do or we know we're not pleasing Him, we cannot walk in spiritual authority!

² Name that Arrow is something we learned while studying the armor and the shield of faith. We have not yet documented this exercise, but once it's documented, we will post it on the Documents page under Group Documents: <http://www.wow2women.com/documents.html>.

Homework Assignment: Look up the remaining Scriptures for prayer (thanksgiving, supplication, and intercession) and make note of any questions you may have.

Closing: We closed our meeting in prayer with a time of need-specific prayer for the challenges that were lifted up, for the group overall, and as the Holy Spirit led.

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ATTACHMENT: TYPES OF PRAYER

PRAYER OF	PURPOSE	EXAMPLE
Consecration (<i>proseuche</i>) (G4335)	Surrender	1 Samuel 1:11, 19-20 Mark 14:35 Ephesians 6:18 Matthew 17:21 Matthew 21:13 Matthew 21:22
Petition (<i>deesis</i>) (G1162)	Humility	Acts 1:14 Ephesians 6:18
Authority (Faith) (<i>aeito</i>) (G154)	Boldness	John 15:7 1 John 5:14-15 Ephesians 3:20 James 1:5-6 1 John 3:22
Thanksgiving (<i>eucharistia</i>) (G2168)	Gratitude	Ephesians 1:16 Colossians 1:3 1 Thessalonians 1:2 1 Thessalonians 5:18 2 Corinthians 4:15 2 Corinthians 9:11-12 Philippians 4:6 Colossians 2:7 Colossians 4:2 1 Timothy 4:3-4 Revelation 7:12
Supplication (<i>enteuxis</i>) (G1783)	Love	Romans 11:2 1 Timothy 2:1 1 Timothy 4:5
Intercession (<i>huperentugchano</i>) (G5241)	Vessel	Romans 8:26