



Meeting Notes: Prayer - Continued
(May 21, 2014)

These notes capture our May 21, 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**.

Discussion: Prayer – Scriptural Examples of Prayer, Continued

- **Overview:** Following a brief review, we continued our examination of the Scriptural references to prayer.¹ Prior to group, I placed all the Scripture references on the whiteboard along with the following discussion guidance:
 - Look at the verse.
 - How is the word for prayer used? For example, what is the writer thankful for?
 - How does the Scripture relate to our daily living?
- **The prayers we examined.**
 - **Prayer of thanksgiving (*eucharistia*)** (G2168): We looked at each reference to *eucharistia*, noting the context in which thanksgiving was extended.
 - **Ephesians 1:16, Colossians 1:3, and 1 Thessalonians 1:2** – In each instance, Paul was thanking God for people, making mention of their faith and love. This caused us to consider how we should be more thankful for our brothers and sisters in Christ. We also discussed how praying for others makes us check ourselves – are we being condemning or are we a vessel for the Holy Spirit to bring conviction?
 - **1 Thessalonians 5:18** – We looked at being thankful in all

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

circumstances, not just good ones, but challenging ones as well. Some nuggets from this discussion were finding the silver lining in all circumstances, seeing the good that was birthed in the situation, thanking Him in bad times helps us trust Him more, and thanking Him reminds us of what's good which helps us recognize what He is doing in the midst of our circumstances. We discussed it's important for us to recognize what He is doing, because it opens up or willingness to follow where He leads, helps us trust Him more, and helps to build our faith!

- **Philippians 4:6** – When looking up the original Greek words, this verse tells us the attitudes in which we should cast our cares: consecration, petition, thanks, and request. The word request is the Greek word *aitema* (G155), which actually comes from the word *aeito* (known to us as the prayer of petition). Therefore, we weren't completely sure of the difference in requests and petitions.
- **Colossians 2:7** – We discussed how this verse teaches us to continue to live our lives in Him! We should be overflowing with thanksgiving. As we've heard it said, have an "attitude of gratitude," which helps us feel how much He loves us! After all, it's hard to complain when we're thankful. Life really is all about our perspective!
- **Colossians 4:2** – We liked how the New International Version says we are to "devote" ourselves to prayer. In other words, prayer should be a top priority, and we should have a thankful heart in the process!
- **2 Corinthians 4:15, 2 Corinthians 9:11-12, and Revelation 7:12** – Each of these verses address being thankful to God for what He has done: giving grace, causing us to be bountiful enough to bless others, and for His being God.
- **1 Timothy 4:3-4** – This verse teaches us to be thankful for our food.
- **Summing up thanksgiving:** We should be thankful for people and their love and faith towards God, for circumstances because they cause us to draw closer to Him, and for our food.
- **Takeaway.** We should always have thanksgiving in our hearts! Moreover, when we thank others for being willing vessels, we also need to make sure we **both** thank God!
- **Prayer of supplication (*enteuxis*) (G1783):** Despite looking at each of the verses and our subsequent discussion, we still do not have a firm grasp on the meaning or use of this prayer. For example, in Romans 11:2,

a related Greek word, *entugchano* (G1793), is translated intercession (KJV) or pleads (NKJV), but it refers to Elijah pleading with God against Israel, because they had killed all the other prophets. Moreover, in 1 Timothy 2:1, *enteuxis* is translated as “intercession,” where Paul is urging us to pray for others. However, 1 Timothy 4:4 refers to how our food is “sanctified by the word of God and prayer” (*enteuxis*). As a result, we were not able to make a connection between the definition given in *Dressed to Kill* and how *enteuxis* was used in Scripture. Moreover, we were not able to distinguish the difference between the prayer of petition (*deesis*) and the prayer of supplication (*enteuxis*). **Takeaway.** We are waiting on the Holy Spirit to provide that “aha moment” and the answer to our questions so this type of prayer will make more sense to us!

- **Prayer of intercession (*huperentugchano*)** (G5241): This prayer is very straightforward, in that we understand this is when the Holy Spirit prays through us when we don't know what to pray.
- **Other discussion:** We discussed how does one know the difference between temptation and a test. Since a test can contain a temptation, it was a bit hard to articulate the difference. However, God can use all things, including temptation, for His good (Romans 8:28). In addition, we noted walking in love helps us discern between temptation and a test. If we follow the path of love, we are less prone to temptation! However, the more important thing to help us discern the difference is to know if we're going towards God or away from Him.
- **Point of interest:** Despite our limited understanding of the Greek language, our being able to see the difference in the types of prayers listed in *Dressed to Kill* helps make our prayer life more purposeful, thereby more meaningful. The understanding we have gained helps us better understand what we're asking of the Lord and what we can expect from Him as a result.

Homework Assignment: Continue to study the difference types of prayer, so we can become more familiar with them and how to use them in our daily living.

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