

Silver Creek Fellowship NOTES

January 7

21 DAYS OF PRAYER AND FASTING WHY WE PRAY

WHY WE PRAY:

1. Prayer is an act of dependence.

John 15:5-7 (NIV) "...If a man remains in Me and I in him, he will bear much fruit, but apart from Me, you can do nothing. If anyone doesn't remain in Me, he's like a branch that's thrown away and withers. Such branches are picked up and thrown into the fire and burned. But if you remain in Me and My words remain in you, you can ask whatever you wish and it will be given to you."

2. Prayer is an act of relationship.

John 15:15-16 (NIV) "I no longer call you servants because a servant doesn't know his master's business. Instead I have called you friends for everything I've learned from My Father, I've made known unto you. You didn't choose Me, but I chose you to go and bear fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in My name."

3. Prayer is an act of supplication.

Philippians 4:6-7 "Don't worry about anything but in everything, with your prayers and your supplications, make your requests known to God and the peace of God which passes all understanding will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

John 16:23-24 (NIV) "In that day you will no longer ask me anything. Very truly I tell you, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete."

Matthew 7:7 (ESV) "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you."

Matthew 7:7-11 (NIV) "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened."

Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!"

4. Prayer is an act of partnership.

John 14:11-13 (NIV) *"Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son."*

John 14:14 (NIV) *"You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it."*

2 Chronicles 7:14 (NIV) *"if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land."*