

# Silver Creek Fellowship NOTES

January 19

## 21 DAYS OF PRAYER WHY WE PRAY

### WHY WE PRAY:

1. Prayer is a declaration of dependence.

**John 15:5** *"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 the pathway to relationship.

**John 15:15** *"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."*

**Ephesians 3:14-19 (NLT) Paul's Prayer for Spiritual Growth** <sup>14</sup> *"When I think of all this, I fall to my knees and pray to the Father, <sup>15</sup> the Creator of everything in heaven and on earth. <sup>16</sup> I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit. <sup>17</sup> Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong. <sup>18</sup> And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. <sup>19</sup> May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God."*

3. Prayer is partnership in action.

**John 14:11-13 (NIV)** <sup>11</sup> *"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. <sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> 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."*

**January 14, 1856:**

*"It is evening. I feel much turmoil and fear in the prospect of having all of my plans knocked on the head by savages who are just now outside the camp.*

*But Jesus said, 'All power is given unto me in heaven and earth, and lo, I am with you always, even unto the ends of the earth. This is the word of a gentleman of most strict and sacred honor, so that's the end of my fear. I feel quiet and calm now.'* — **Dr. David Livingstone**

*"The greatest tragedy of life is not unanswered prayer, but unoffered prayer."* — **British pastor and evangelist F. B. Meyer**

*"No great spiritual awakening has begun anywhere in the world apart from united prayer—Christians persistently praying for revival."* — **J. Edwin Orr**

*"Prayer lays hold of God's plan and becomes the link between his will and its accomplishment on earth. Amazing things happen, and we are given the privilege of being the channels of the Holy Spirit's prayer."* — **Elisabeth Elliot**

*"God rules the world and His church through the prayers of His people. That God should have made the extension of His kingdom to such a large extent dependent on the faithfulness of His people in prayer is a stupendous mystery and yet an absolute certainty. God calls for intercessors: in His grace He has made His work dependent on them. He waits for them."* — **Andrew Murray**