

**HOUSE OF PRAYER**  
**HOW TO MAKE ROOM FOR MIRACLES THROUGH PRAYER**  
**1/8/2023**

**I. Introduction**

- A. This is a series about how to set a culture in our church, home, and work where miracles continually happen. A culture is a set of values and priorities we live-out intentionally together, that set a tone and \_\_\_\_\_ for certain things to happen, and desired results become seen.
- B. Today, we want to see that to become a house of miracles, we must first become a house of \_\_\_\_\_. (Matthew 21:12-17 NIV)
- C. Key observations in the story of Jesus cleansing out the temple
1. What is meant to be a place of miracles can become a place where God is pushed out by \_\_\_\_\_ priorities, motives, and compromise. The enemy is a thief who wants to rob us from experiencing all the wonders God has for us in His presence.
  2. If we want to see God's miracles, we have to make \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. Prayer and praise are the tools God has given us to help us cleanse our house, kick out the thieves, and make room for miracles

**II. Some key ways God uses prayer**

- A. Prayer makes space in our heart for us to experience and have more of God everywhere in our life. *"The high and lofty one who lives in eternity, the Holy One, says this: 'I live in the high and holy place with those whose spirits are contrite and humble. I restore the crushed spirit of the humble and revive the courage of those with repentant hearts.'" (Isaiah 57:15 NLT)*
- Prayer makes it possible for there to be less of me and more of \_\_\_\_\_. "Everything without Jesus is still not enough, nothing with Jesus is more than enough." Prayer makes space for our worry to be filled with peace, our weakness to be filled with His strength, our fears to be replaced by His love, our fighting to be replaced with God fighting \_\_\_\_\_!
- B. Prayer shifts the atmosphere, allowing God to fight our \_\_\_\_\_.
- *"For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places."* (Ephesians 6:12 NLT)
  - *"However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting."* (Matthew 17:21 NKJV)
  - *"Out of the mouths of babes and nursing infants you have ordained strength because of your enemies that you may silence the enemy and the avenger."* (Psalms 8:2 NKJV)
- C. Prayer opens the door for \_\_\_\_\_ and for people we love to find God. "Prayer is the difference between the best we can do and the best God can do. Prayer is how we write history in advance." -Dr. Mark Batterson
1. Prayer sets the mark for what we can receive from God and **the** \_\_\_\_\_ of what our potential is to see God work and move in our lives, this year. Prayer is the key to seeing everything that we long to see that is beyond our human \_\_\_\_\_ to achieve.
    - *"You do not have because you do not ask God."* (James 4:2 NIV)
    - *"Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us."* (Ephesians 3:20 NIV)

It is guaranteed you will fail to get 100% of the prayers answered that you never pray!

2. Prayer takes what circumstances, people, or the devil cause and mean for evil and puts it in God's hands so that He can \_\_\_\_\_ those things into opportunities for miracles. (Romans 8:28)
3. Prayer is how we impact for good the lives of people in places we can't physically be and in a time long after we are present. Prayers have no \_\_\_\_\_ date.  
*Joram, son of Ahab, "did evil in the eyes of the Lord. Nevertheless, for the sake of his servant David, the Lord was not willing to destroy Judah. He had put a promise to maintain a lamp for David and his descendants forever." (2 Kings 8:18-19 NIV)*
4. Prayer \_\_\_\_\_ friends and family together in a way that empowers us to be what we couldn't be alone. The family that prays together stays together!  
*"Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven." (Matthew 18:19 NIV)*

### III. Ways we become and build a house of prayer

- A. Make prayer your first response not your last resort- PRAY \_\_\_\_\_!  
*"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people." (1 Timothy 2:1 NIV)*  
  
If you will consistently pray first, prayer will become your first reaction. (1 Thessalonians 5:17)
- B. Create a time and space for \_\_\_\_\_ prayer. Build an altar in your day.
- C. Make prayer a \_\_\_\_\_. Prayer is more than twice as powerful and effective when we pray together. *"When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place." (Acts 2:1 NIV)*  
  
To have the power we need for the victories we want in 2023, we need *United Sanctification*, commitment, power, forgiveness, hope, strength, and resolve.
- D. Find your prayer style and anointing. "Let prayer become an \_\_\_\_\_ (who you see yourself to be not just something you occasionally do.)"
- E. Pray strategically.
  1. Take time to think and \_\_\_\_\_ down your most important prayer requests, for who you want God to anoint you to be, what you want God to help you do, who you want God to help you reach, what you are believing for.
  2. Have a \_\_\_\_\_ and pre-decided way you will pray and how you will pray for most important things. (5 things I pray for my kids: fear of God, \_\_\_\_\_, friends, freedom, future)

#### Key information for Week of prayer

1. Miracle prayer request can be sent to [hftw.prayer@gmail.com](mailto:hftw.prayer@gmail.com)
2. Prayer Monday-Friday 6:30 AM in Youth Building, evening in chapel or sanctuary
3. On HFTW Facebook. Wednesday through Sunday night live stream [hftw.church](http://hftw.church).
4. Facebook and Zoom every morning  
Meeting ID 847 7520 3312 Passcode 123456
5. To get prayer tools and sign up to receive prayer requests email [hftw.prayer@gmail.com](mailto:hftw.prayer@gmail.com)
6. If you are interested in joining a prayer group or prayer team email [hftw.prayer@gmail.com](mailto:hftw.prayer@gmail.com)

(Answers: I. A. atmosphere B. prayer C. wrong, room II. A. Jesus, for us B. battles C. miracles, ceiling, ability, bend, expiration, unites III. A. fast B. consistent C. partnership D. identity E. write, prepared, favor)