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POST PRAYER WEEK 2023

**“GOD IS ANSWERING PRAYER NOW”**

**IT IS THE WILL OF GOD TO ANSWER OUR PRAYERS**

**Matthew 7:7–8 (NKJV)** “Ask, and it **will be** given to you; seek, and **you will** find; knock, and it **will be** opened to you. **8** For **EVERYONE** who asks receives, and **he who seeks finds**, and to him who knocks it **will be** opened.

**John 16:23 (NKJV)** “And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name **He will** give you.

**Jeremiah 33:3 (NKJV)** ‘Call to Me, and **I will answer you**, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.’

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**1 John 5:14–15 (NKJV)** Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. **15** And **if we know that He hears us**, whatever we ask, **WE KNOW** that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

**SO… THE KEY TO ANSWERED PRAYER IS “BEING HEARD BY GOD”…**

**… AND THE KEY TO GOD HEARING US IS “ASKING ACCORDING TO HIS WILL”**

**WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO ASK ACCORDING TO GOD’S WILL?**

1. **Asking for things that are God’s will for your life**
2. **Asking the way God taught us to ask**
3. **Asking with the right heart… with faith… and the right attitude**
4. **Living in submission to God**

**EX – I have been specifically calling on the Lord to ignite a spirit of prayer in The Rock Network… and to start prayer movements that burn hot and multiply… and He did it far more powerfully than I asked or expected.**

**EX – SO MANY PRAYERS HAVE ALREADY BEEN ANSWERED**

**2 Chronicles 7:14 (NKJV)** If My people who are called by My name will 1) **humble themselves [change their attitude]**, and 2) **pray** **[take time to call on Me]** and 3) **seek My face [My will, not their own]**, and 4) **turn from their wicked ways [turn from the sins they’re committing and allowing]**, **THEN** **I WILL HEAR** from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

**EX – Playing catch with my toddler kids & grandkids… I want them to catch the ball, but their reflexes were just too slow. So I’d get close enough to where I could hand them the ball… I’d help them position there hands so that the ball couldn’t go in between them… and then I’d throw the ball from a few inches… right in their hands. WHY? BECAUSE I WANTED THEM TO CATCH IT… BUT AS THEY GOT OLDER, I STEPPED BACK AND COACHED THEM FROM A FARTHER DISTANCE… AND THIS IS WHAT GOD IS DOING WITH US. HE WANTS US TO WALK IN HIS BLESSINGS SO BADLY.**

**IF YOU’LL LISTEN DOWN IN YOUR HEART RIGHT NOW… YOU’LL HEAR THE LORD WHISPERING… “SON/DAUGHTER… LET ME SHOW YOU… LET ME LEAD YOU… AND YOUR PRAYERS WILL SOON BE ANSWERED.”**