

LESSON 5 // DEVELOP YOUR WIND POWER—PART 2

Big Idea: To have spiritual "wind power" in our lives, the power of the Holy Spirit working in and through us, we must become people of prayer. To grow in prayer, we need to see it as a privilege, not an obligation. We also need to make prayer a consistent habit—a regular and vital part of our everyday lives. And, based on the promises of His Word, we can expect God to respond when we pray.

Daniel 6:10 (NIV) Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before.

Start Talking:

Share about a significant challenge you faced when you had to stand firm in your faith in Christ. What gave you the strength to go through this? (Or, if you had to face a challenge like this, what do you think would carry you through?)

Start Thinking:

Read Matthew 6:6-8; Hebrews 4:16; 1 John 5:14-15. How do these verses speak to you about the privilege of prayer?

Read Mark 1:35; Luke 6:12; 23:34. What inspires you from these examples of Jesus' prayer life? How should this impact your prayer life?

Read Daniel 6:10. What do you learn here about Daniel's prayer life and the difference it made? How can consistent, daily prayer make a difference in your life?

Read Matthew 6:9-13; Philippians 4:6-7. What should you expect from God when you pray, based on these verses?

Start Praying:

Pray for the Lord to strengthen your relationship and communication with Him so that your prayer life is more vital and fruitful than ever.

Start Doing:

Daniel prayed fervently in a time when there was great turmoil and sinfulness all around him (see especially Daniel 9:1-19) and God answered Him in a mighty way. Spend time this week praying for our church, our community and our country with that same spirit of repentance, faith and expectation that God can and will break through in Jesus' name.