

Chaps 7 & 8 /Sessions 7 & 8 – Changed when I ask others to pray for *me* and when I pray for *others*. Each are a distinct operation of faith.

Gal.6:2 – “*Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ*”.

**Chap 7 Session Goals**

- 1. To be willing to let others bear my burdens in prayer
- 2. To recognize that when I am willing to ask others to pray for me I really will change and this is a powerful avenue for spiritual growth.

- A. Discuss why it may be difficult to ask someone else to for pray for us in an area of weakness, temptation, or sin.

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1. Jas.4:6/1Pet.5:5

Discuss why God would oppose the proud but give grace to the humble?

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2. Ps. 51:1-4, 16-17 -

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3. Discuss Ps.51:6a – What is “truth in the inward parts”?

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a. Heb. 4:16 & 10:19 – “boldness” = candor \_\_\_\_\_

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b. Discuss what Jesus meant by those who “do” the truth” in John 3:21

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## Chap 8 – Changed when I pray for others

### Session Goals

1. To discover that praying for others is one of the ways that God has ordained to change me. Particularly when I intercede on behalf of someone with whom I have a strained relationship. We are praying for God to change them the way He wants them to be changed, not the way I want. By doing so, we learn a secret of God’s will in our relationships – a secret called *release*.
2. Intercessory prayer can be spontaneous prayer for strangers we encounter throughout the day.
  - A. Prayer is one of the most powerful ways to exercise our faith.
    1. Discuss how and why we are changed when we pray for others.

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2. Discuss how praying for God’s will to be done in the life of the one I am praying for requires that I “release” them to God, and what it means to release them.

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3. Compare Matt.17:2, Luke9:28 and 2 Cor.3:18 - \_\_\_\_\_

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4. According to Rev.4:11 (KJV) is there an age or infirmity which can disqualify us from being useful to God?

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B. According to James 3:11-12

- Can I pray for and gossip about a person at the same time?
- Can I pray for others and selfishly concentrate on my own needs at the same time?
- Can I pray for and accuse others at the same time?

1. Discuss what Jesus meant in Matt.5:44 – \_\_\_\_\_

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