PRAYER

"And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out and departed into a solitary place and there prayed" (Mark 1:35)

Jesus is our example of the dedication and commitment it takes to have an effective prayer life!

START WITH PRAISE: “Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name." (Psalm 100:4)

"But thou art holy, 0 thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel (your people)” (Ps. 22:3)

PLEADING THE BLOOD: "Lord, I come pleading the blood of Jesus over this day and over my time together with you - asking that you would keep this conversation private from the enemy."

"I plead the blood of Jesus because it is our only counter agent. When there is no blood covering, sin is free to corrupt and destroy."

"Your Word declares, 'When he sees the blood... the LORD will pass over the door, and will not suffer the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite you." (Ex. 12:23)

“So we take comfort in knowing that the enemy cannot cross the bloodline of Christ”

“And they overcome him (the enemy) by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony, (Rev. 12:11)

"Lord, I plead the blood of Jesus over this day, over my family, over my church family, over my city, state, and nation. I plead the blood of Jesus over all of the people of this world for whom Jesus died. For “he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world” (1 John 2:2)

"Paul wrote, 'I exhort... that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men...For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.” (I Tim. 2:1, 3-4)
"Jesus, you said" 'And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." (John 12:32)
Grant it, Lord!"

“And Lord, I claim the blood of Jesus as it has already been applied in my life. I continue to trust in your mercy. Hide me under your blood and keep me from all unrighteousness. Forgive me of my sins, my iniquities, my wickedness, my evil desires to sometimes step outside the laws of God."

"Search me, O God and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." (Ps. 139:23-24)

"Cleanse me from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit that I might perfect holiness in the fear of God." (II Cor. 7:1)

"Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin... Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me." (Ps. 51:2,10)

"Lord, let us lay aside every weight and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith." (Heb. 12:1-2)

Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sin; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer." (Ps. 19:13-14)

BOOKS TO READ:

The Lost Art of Spiritual Disciplines by N.S. Whitley