

New Faith Church
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Bible Study Handout

“Prayer Still Works”

Text: 1 John 5:14–15 (NKJV)

Scripture Focus:

“Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.” – 1 John 5:14–15

Bible Study Overview:

Prayer is not performance—it is partnership with God. In these verses, the Apostle John teaches us three powerful principles about prayer:

1. The Posture of Expectant Prayer

“Now this is the confidence that we have in Him...”

- Prayer begins with confidence—not in ourselves, but in God’s character.
- We approach God as children, not beggars.
- Our prayers should be filled with expectation, not hesitation.
- **Key Insight:** Expectant prayer is grounded in faith and relationship.

Reflection Question: Do I approach prayer with expectation or with doubt?

2. The Precision of Aligned Prayer

“...if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us...”

- Prayer is most effective when it is aligned with God’s will.
- We discern His will through:
 - Scripture
 - The Holy Spirit
 - Surrendered obedience
- **Key Insight:** God is not a genie—prayer is about aligning our hearts with His purpose.

Reflection Question: Am I seeking God’s will or just asking for my way?

3. The Promise of Answered Prayer

“...we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.”

- God not only hears us—He handles what we bring to Him.
- Jesus intercedes for us as our High Priest.
- While we wait, we must keep worshiping, working, and watching.
- **Key Insight:** Faith is shown not just in asking, but in resting and trusting.

Reflection Question: Am I trusting God’s timing even when the answer hasn’t come?

Takeaway Truth:

Prayer Still Works. Because God still hears. God still answers. And God still moves.

Memory Verse:

“The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous person avails much.” – James 5:16b