

“The Bible clearly points out that prayer is only significant because God hears and answers it. Nothing is beyond the reach of prayer because no prayer is too hard for God to answer.”

-E.M. Bounds

Psalm 55:1-2

*“Listen to my prayer, O GOD, do not ignore my CRY for HELP!
Please listen and ANSWER ME, for I am overwhelmed by my TROUBLES.”*

Psalm 55:4-6

*“My heart is in Anguish the terror of DEATH OVERPOWERS ME.
FEAR and TREMBLING OVERWHELM me. I can’t stop shaking.
Oh, how I wish I had wings like a dove; then I would fly away and rest!”*

Psalm 55:17

*“Morning, noon and night I PLEAD aloud in my distress and
the Lord HEARS MY VOICE!”*

**Protected him from evil, Guided him to freedom and
Changed his HEART.**

“The Confession.”

**(In his PLACE of total isolation, PRAYER brought
the PRESENCE of God that sustained him.)**

***“The love of God and the fear of Him surrounded me more and more, my FAITH
grew! The spirit roused so that in one day I would say as many as a 100 prayers
and at night only slightly less.” The more Patrick prayed, the more he
understood God’s Spirit and trusted God’s guidance.***

**HIS situation didn’t change him,
GOD DID!!**

ACTS 10:3-6

One afternoon about three o’clock, he had a vision in which he saw an angel of God

coming toward him. "Cornelius!" the angel said.
⁴ Cornelius stared at him in terror. "What is it, sir?" he asked the angel.
And the angel replied, "Your prayers and gifts to the poor have been received by God as an offering!"⁵ Now send some men to Joppa, and summon a man named Simon Peter. He is staying with Simon, a tanner who lives near the seashore.

ACTS 10:9-21

The next day as Cornelius's messengers were nearing the town, Peter went up on the flat roof to pray. It was about noon,¹⁰ and he was hungry. But while a meal was being prepared, he fell into a trance.
¹¹ He saw the sky open, and something like a large sheet was let down by its four corners.
¹² In the sheet were all sorts of animals, reptiles, and birds.
¹³ Then a voice said to him, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat them."
¹⁴ "No, Lord," Peter declared. "I have never eaten anything that our Jewish laws have declared impure and unclean."
¹⁵ But the voice spoke again: "Do not call something unclean if God has made it clean."
¹⁶ The same vision was repeated three times.
Then the sheet was suddenly pulled up to heaven.
¹⁷ Peter was very perplexed. What could the vision mean?
Just then the men sent by Cornelius found Simon's house. Standing outside the gate,
¹⁸ they asked if a man named Simon Peter was staying there.
¹⁹ Meanwhile, as Peter was puzzling over the vision, the Holy Spirit said to him, "Three men have come looking for you."²⁰ Get up, go downstairs, and go with them without hesitation. Don't worry, for I have sent them."
²¹ So Peter went down and said, "I'm the man you are looking for. Why have you come?"

ACTS 10:30-33

Cornelius replied, "Four days ago I was praying in my house about this same time, three o'clock in the afternoon. Suddenly, a man in dazzling clothes was standing in front of me."³¹ He told me, 'Cornelius, your prayer has been heard, and your gifts to the poor have been noticed by God!' ³² Now send messengers to Joppa, and summon a man named Simon Peter. He is staying in the home of Simon, a tanner who lives near the seashore.'
So, I sent for you at once, and it was good of you to come.
Now we are all here, waiting before God to hear the message the Lord has given you.

ACTS 10:34-36

Then Peter replied, "I see very clearly that God shows no favoritism."³⁵ In every nation he accepts those who fear him and do what is right.³⁶ This is the message of Good News for the people of Israel—that there is peace with God through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.

ACTS 10:42-46

And He ordered us to preach everywhere and to testify that Jesus is the one appointed by God to be the judge of all—the living and the dead. ⁴³ He is the one all the prophets testified about, saying that everyone who believes in Him will have their sins forgiven through His Name.”

⁴⁴ Even as Peter was saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the message. ⁴⁵ The Jewish believers who came with Peter were amazed that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles, too.

⁴⁶ For they heard them speaking in other tongues and praising God.

**We don't have to be GREAT to be used by God.
We do need to be AVAILABLE and WILLING.
We can TRUST God with our days**

Psalm 31:15

“My times are in your hands...”

**We can TRUST God will bring PURPOSE
through our personal PAIN.**

Romans 8:28

“And we KNOW that in all things God works for the good of those who love HIM, who are called according to HIS purpose.”

Psalm 84:11

*“For the Lord God is a sun and shield, He gives grace and glory;
NO GOOD THING does He withhold from those
who walk uprightly.”*

God is SOVEIGN and HIS POWER is over all!

Ephesians 3:19-21 (NKJ)

*“To KNOW the LOVE of Christ, which passes knowledge:
that YOU may be FILLED with All THE FULLNESS of GOD!*

*Now, to HIM who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above ALL that we ask or think,
according to the POWER that WORKS in us, to HIM be GLORY in the CHURCH by Christ Jesus
TO ALL Generations, forever and ever. AMEN.*