SERMON NOTE · OCTOBER

Persistent Prayers

October Theme · Pray until it manifests

Prayer is **communication with God**. He hears us whenever we call Him, because we were made in His image and made to worship Him. Remember: **delay is not denial**. Prayer gives us peace of mind in times of difficulty, and the starting point is to hear from God, because what He has spoken first exists in the spiritual realm.

> *“Delay is not denial.”*
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> Make demands on what God has promised until it manifests

The Lord’s Prayer pattern

In our foundation text (**Matthew 6:9–13**), Christ gave His disciples a prayer outline:

- Start with **praise**
- Prayer of **surrender and alignment**
- Prayer for **provision**
- Prayer for **forgiveness**
- End with **praise**

The principle of persistence

In **Luke 11:1–10**, a disciple asked Jesus, “Teach us to pray.” After the outline, He taught a principle that turns invisible realities into physical ones: **persistence**. He told the “shameless persistence” story: the man knew there was bread in that house, so he stayed until he got it. When God has spoken or promised, it exists in the spiritual realm. Make your demands till it manifests. Or start by praying until you hear from God.

> *“Write the vision and make it plain on tablets… Though it tarries, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.”*
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> **HABAKKUK 2:1–4 (NKJV)**

Peace while you wait

Philippians 4:6–7 encourages us to present our requests to God with thanksgiving instead of anxiety, with the promise of a peace that transcends understanding. **1 Peter 5:6–7** advises us to humble ourselves and cast all our anxieties on Him, because He cares for us.

This month, it will manifest!

- **Your breakthrough**
- **Your healing**
- **Your husband**
- **Your wife**
- **Your children**
- **Your job**
- **Your provision**
- **Your loved one’s salvation**

Closing Prayer

Father, we thank You that You hear us whenever we call. Give us the grace to pray with persistence and the faith to wait for what You have promised, until it manifests. Fill us with Your peace in the waiting, in Jesus’ name. Amen.