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“The High Priority of Prayer”

1 Kings 18:41-46

Memory Verse: James 5:16

Introduction

- A. Did you make any New Year’s resolutions?
- B. “To live with all my might, while I do live.” (Jonathan Edwards)
- C. “To study the Scriptures so steadily, constantly, and frequently, as that I may find, and plainly perceive, myself to grow in the knowledge of the same.” (Jonathan Edwards)
- D. What is YOUR highest priority for 2023?
- E. “That I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death.” (Philippians 3:10)
- F. Communication is important in any relationship. Christian, we need to hear from God in Scripture and we need to talk to God in prayer.
- G. Big Idea: We need to strengthen our prayer lives.

I. We Need to Stand on the Promises of God (18:41)

- A. 1 Kings 17:14
- B. 1 Kings 18:1
- C. “And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.” (Hebrews 11:6)
- D. No place, no person, no problem are too hard for God.

II. We Need to Kneel in Prayer before God (18:42-45)

- A. Elijah was poured out before God in prayer.
- B. James 5:17-18
- C. James 5:16
- D. Elijah prayed with such persistency that he left his hand print on the sky.
- E. Where is your spiritual handprint???

III. We Need to Run in the Power of God (18:46)

Conclusion

- A. What is YOUR highest priority for 2023?
- B. What will YOU do to strengthen YOUR prayer life?
- C. The Gospel Definition