

## THE POWER OF PRAYER

### SERIES: *STANDING ON THE PROMISES*

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➤ Papa John's: "You've got the name, not the clout."

### 1. YOUR PRAYERS \_\_\_\_\_ THE ACTIONS OF GOD

<sup>19</sup> When two of you get together on anything at all on earth and make a prayer of it, my Father in heaven goes into action. **Matthew 18:19 (MSG)**

<sup>1</sup> Now Elijah the Tishbite, from Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, "As the LORD, the God of Israel, lives, whom I serve, there will be neither dew nor rain in the next few years except at my word." **1 Kings 17:1 (NIV)**

<sup>16</sup> Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so God can heal you. When a believing person prays, great things happen. <sup>17</sup> Elijah was a human being just like us. He prayed that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years! <sup>18</sup> Then Elijah prayed again, and the rain came down from the sky, and the land produced crops again. **James 5:16-18 (NCV)**

A. Elijah's prayer was \_\_\_\_\_

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<sup>20</sup> So Ahab sent for all the children of Israel, and gathered the prophets together on Mount Carmel. <sup>21</sup> And Elijah came to all the people, and said, "How long will you falter between two opinions? If the LORD is God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him." But the people answered him not a word. **1 Kings 18:20-21 (NKJV)**

### 2. THE TIME TO \_\_\_\_\_ IS OVER

<sup>27</sup> About noontime Elijah began mocking them. "You'll have to shout louder," he scoffed, "for surely he is a god! Perhaps he is daydreaming, or is relieving himself. Or maybe he is away on a trip, or is asleep and needs to be wakened!" **1 Kings 18:27 (NLT2)**

➤ **Elijah wasn't a diplomat; he was a prophet of God!**

<sup>36</sup> At the hour of the afternoon sacrifice the prophet Elijah approached the altar and prayed, "O LORD, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, prove now that you are the God of Israel and that I am your servant and have done all this at your command. <sup>37</sup> Answer me, LORD, answer me, so that this people will know that you, the LORD, are God and that you are bringing them back to yourself." <sup>38</sup> The LORD sent fire down, and it burned up the sacrifice, the wood, and the stones, scorched the earth and dried up the water in the trench. <sup>39</sup> When the people saw this, they threw themselves on the ground and exclaimed, "The LORD is God; the LORD alone is God!" **1 Kings 18:36-39 (TEV)**

### 3. GOD \_\_\_\_\_ IN HEARING PRAYERS

➤ **Why do your prayers matter to God? – Because you matter to God! You are an heir of God and coheir of Christ, remember?**

<sup>12</sup> If we endure, we will also reign with Him; If we deny Him, He also will deny us; **2 Timothy 2:12 (NASB)**

### 4. WILL GOD DO AS YOU ASK? \_\_\_\_\_!

➤ **Or perhaps He will do more – He knows what is best AND His timing is perfect.**

<sup>16</sup> When a believing person prays, great things happen. **James 5:16b (NCV)**

<sup>6</sup> But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. <sup>7</sup> That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord; **James 1:6-7 (NIV)**