



FRUITFUL IN A FAMINE  
OVERCOMING THE WORLD  
JOHN 16:23-33

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1. Practice \_\_\_\_\_  
(vv. 23-28)

- the \_\_\_\_\_ of prayer

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2. Look \_\_\_\_\_  
(vv. 29-33)

*John 16:23–33 (ESV)*

*23 In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. 24 Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full. 25 "I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. 26 In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; 27 for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. 28 I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father." 29 His disciples said, "Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! 30 Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God." 31 Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe? 32 Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. 33 I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."*

## APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. As you reflect on our study of John 15-16, what stands out to you? In what ways do you think you will be more “fruitful in a famine” because of what you’ve learned from these texts?

2. **Read Matthew 7:7-11.** How does this passage bolster your confidence in prayer? What keeps you taking a passage like this at face value?

3. **Read John 14:13-14, 15:7, 15:16, 16:23-24.** As you consider these passages on prayer, what needs to change in your own prayer life to bring your prayers more in line with the biblical pattern?

4. **Read Psalm 73:26.** How can focusing on the strength of God shown in the victory of Jesus’ resurrection encourage and strengthen you even in light of your own failure?

5. **Read John 16:33.** How can this verse keep you from becoming overly pessimistic as our culture becomes more and more opposed to God?

### RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

*Here are some books which may help you dig deeper into what we studied today. While Pastor Ben cannot endorse everything about each book/author, he does think these books are worth considering and reading.*

Bounds, E.M. *E.M. Bounds on Prayer.* Whitaker House, 1997.

Fabarez, Mike. *Lifelines for Tough Times.* Harvest House, 2018.

Torrey, R.A. *The Power of Prayer.* Zondervan, 1971.

### Prayer Requests

Pray that our church would continue to be faithful and fruitful as we apply what we have learned from John 15-16.

Pray that our church would be characterized by confident, biblical prayer.

Pray that we would have courage based on Jesus’ victory.

Praise God for a great week at Camp Compass and continue to pray for fruit!

Pray that God will provide a long-term home for CBCTV through the Taking Ground project.

## REVIVAL FROM THE BIBLE READING

Date	O.T.	Psalms	Gospels	N.T.
8/2	2 Chronicles 29-30	Psalm 90:1-8	Luke 9:18-27	Philippians 2:12-30
8/3	2 Chronicles 31-32	Psalm 90:9-17	Luke 9:28-43	Philippians 3:1-11
8/4	2 Chronicles 33-34	Psalm 91:1-8	Luke 9:44-50	Philippians 3:12-21
8/5	2 Chronicles 35-36	Psalm 91:9-16	Luke 9:51-62	Philippians 4:1-9
8/6	Ezra 1-3	Psalm 92:1-9	Luke 10:1-12	Philippians 4:10-23
8/7	Ezra 4-6	Psalm 92:10-15	Luke 10:13-24	Colossians 1:1-14