



A DISTINCT CHURCH
WE HAVE A GENUINE RELIANCE ON PRAYER
JOHN 15:4-8

Ben Blakey - Compass Bible Church - May 21, 2023

1. Admit _____
(vv. 4-5)

John 15:4-8 (ESV)
4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. 5 I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. 6 If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. 7 If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

2. Trust _____
(vv. 7-8)

3. Pray _____
(Matthew 6-7)

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4. Contribute _____

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- 1. Read John 15:4-5.** In what ways are you most tempted to rely on yourself instead of God? What are some specific reasons you actually do need to depend on God in these areas?
2. Honestly evaluate the amount of undistracted prayer time you get on a regular basis. How much time do you spend in focused prayer each day? How can you either increase or protect this time?
- 3. Read Matthew 6:9-13.** As you think through these six requests, which one do you see as most lacking in your own prayers? Why are each of these things so important to pray for on a regular basis?
4. Find some biblical promises that should be more central in your prayer life. How will your prayer life benefit from basing more of your prayers on God's Word as opposed to your own ideas or desires?
5. How can you maximize the opportunities you get to pray with other Christians? What are your biggest distractions during these times and how can you help keep these times focused – both for yourself and the people with whom you are praying?

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.

Brooks, Thomas. *The Secret Key to Heaven*. Banner of Truth Trust, 2022.

Henderson, Daniel. *Transforming Prayer*. Bethany House, 2011.

Matz, Charlie. "The Power of Prayer." Compass Classroom, 2023. <https://www.compassbible.tv/classes/power-of-prayer>

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray that our church genuinely relies on prayer.

Pray that our reliance on prayer would glorify God.

Pray that we would make the most of praying together.

Pray that 2023 is the most faithful and fruitful year of evangelism in your life.

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

REVIVAL FROM THE BIBLE READING

Date	Old Testament	New Testament
5/22	2 Kings 9-10	Acts 17
5/23	2 Kings 11-14	Acts 18
5/24	2 Kings 15-17	Acts 19
5/25	2 Kings 18-19	Acts 20
5/26	2 Kings 20-22	Acts 21
5/27	2 Kings 23-25	Acts 22