

# **Victorious Prayers (THIS IS US Week 3)**

Sunday January 21<sup>st</sup> 2018

Acts 2:42-47 42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. 43 Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. 44 All the believers were together and had everything in common. 45 They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. 46 Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, 47 praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

- **We pray to God because we believe that God hears and answers our prayers.**
- **We pray because Jesus prayed often.**
- **We pray because Jesus taught us to pray.**

Matthew 7:7-11 7 "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. 9 "Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? 10 Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? 11 If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!

- **Miracles are the by-product of prayers that were prayed by you or for you.**
- **There is no greater tragedy than the prayers that go unanswered because they go unasked.**

## **STRENGTHENED WITH POWER**

Ephesians 3:14-21 For this reason I kneel before the Father, <sup>15</sup> from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. **I pray** that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, <sup>17</sup> **so that** Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And **I pray** that you, being rooted and established in love, <sup>18</sup> may have **power**, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, <sup>19</sup> and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, <sup>21</sup> to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

- Your prayers change when you know how much God loves you and when **HIS POWER** dwells within you