

## **POWERFULLY PRAYING THE WORD OF GOD**

In His Word God reveals to us His character, heart, will, commands, promises, passion, and priorities. Therefore, when we pray according to His Word, we line ourselves up with His purposes and plans which in turn helps us to have confidence and grow in faith.

It is really very simple to pray through the Word of God. Read it out loud or silently to yourself, and turn it into a prayer. If the passage has a command, ask God to help you obey it. If it reveals a truth about God, thank and praise Him for it. If it contains a promise, proclaim it and ask Him to increase your faith in it.

### ***Example:***

**READ THE SCRIPTURE:** *“But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all men generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But he must ask in faith without any doubting, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind. For that man ought not to expect that he will receive anything from the Lord.” James 1:5-7*

**PRAY THE SCRIPTURE:** Dear Lord, I praise you because you promise to give wisdom to those who ask, and I thank you Lord because I can know for sure that you will give it generously and without reproach. Help me to remember and believe, and to turn to You first when I need wisdom. I don't want to be like the surf, driven and tossed by my doubt, so help me to trust you and not doubt that you will do what you say and that you will guide me.

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## **SPECIAL SITUATIONS**

**Psalms** The psalms themselves are filled with different types of prayers such as worship, praise, and confession. When you pray through the Psalms you can usually read right from the text and make it your prayer.

### ***Example:***

**READ THE SCRIPTURE:** *“Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good; sing praises to His name, for it is lovely. (Psalm 135:3)*

**PRAY THE SCRIPTURE:** I praise you Lord for you are good. I sing praises to your name for it is lovely.

**Historical Narratives or Descriptions of Past Events** Because many of these events do not directly apply to us, use these passages as an opportunity to see a truth about God—His character, ways, priorities, or purposes— and pray according to that.

### ***Example:***

**READ THE SCRIPTURE:** *“He smote the firstborn of Egypt, both of man and beast. He sent signs and wonders into your midst, O Egypt, upon Pharaoh and all his servants.” (Psalm 135:8-9)*

**PRAY THE SCRIPTURE:** Lord, You have shown your power and might when you smote the firstborn of Egypt and sent signs and wonders upon Pharaoh and all His servants. You are the same mighty and powerful God today and you are always able to accomplish your purposes on the earth. When it seems like evil is winning, or my circumstances are hard, help me to remember what you did and to know that you are a God of power and might.