

Pastor's Wednesday Night Bible Study

Praying the Scriptures
Part 1: The Purpose of Prayer
A Scriptural Introduction

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PRAYER IS A CRY

Desperation causes human beings to cry out to God in prayer.

The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their cry; NIV

Psalm 34:15

When Peter was walking on the water with Jesus, but became afraid when he focus on the storm rather than Jesus, he cried out "Save me."

23 Others went out on the sea in ships; they were merchants on the mighty waters.

Psalm 107:23-28

24 They saw the works of the Lord,
his wonderful deeds in the deep.

Psalm 107:23-28

25 For he spoke and stirred up a
tempest that lifted high the waves.

Psalm 107:23-28

26 They mounted up to the
heavens and went down to the
depths; in their peril their courage
melted away.

Psalm 107:23-28

27 They reeled and staggered like
drunken men; they were at their
wits' end.

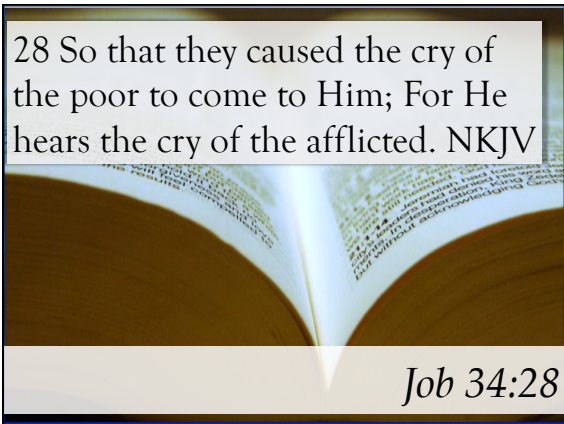
Psalm 107:23-28

28 Then they cried out to the
Lord in their trouble, and he
brought them out of their distress.
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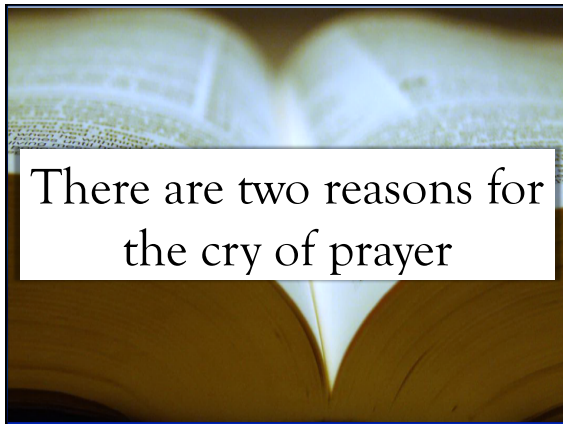
"Because of the multitude of
oppressions they cry out; They cry
out for help because of the arm of
the mighty. NKJV

Job 35:9

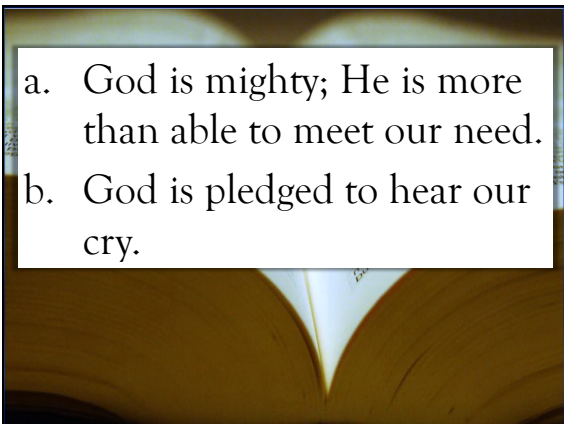


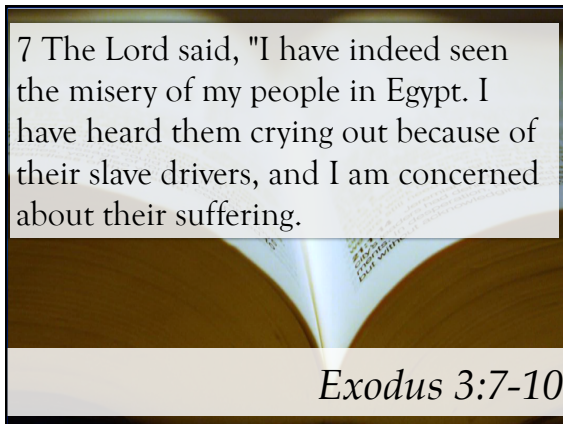
28 So that they caused the cry of the poor to come to Him; For He hears the cry of the afflicted. NKJV

Job 34:28



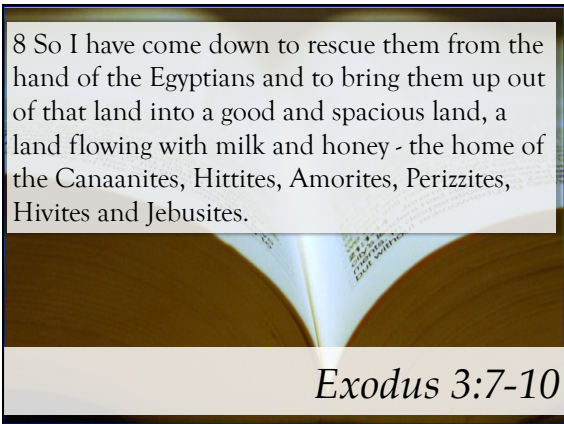
There are two reasons for the cry of prayer

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- a. God is mighty; He is more than able to meet our need.
 - b. God is pledged to hear our cry.



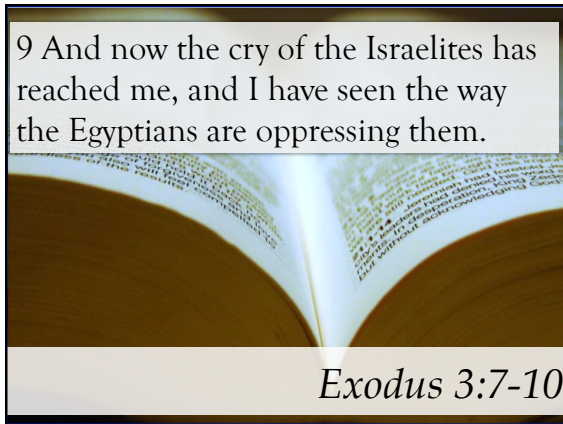
7 The Lord said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering.

Exodus 3:7-10



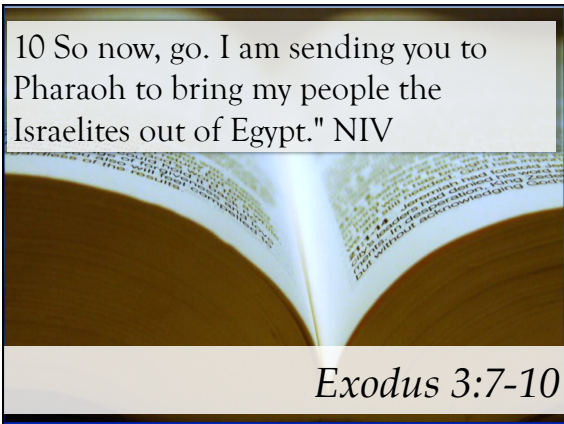
8 So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey - the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites.

Exodus 3:7-10



9 And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them.

Exodus 3:7-10

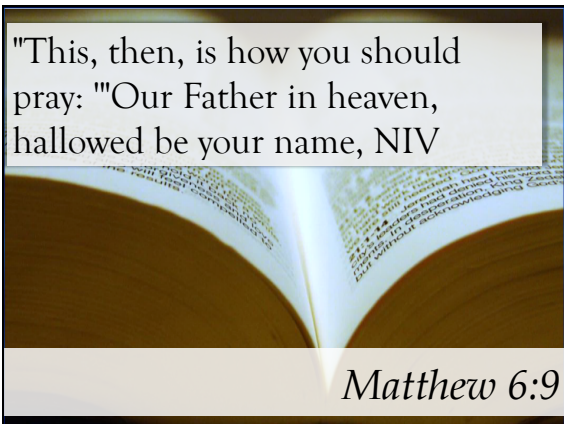


10 So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt." NIV

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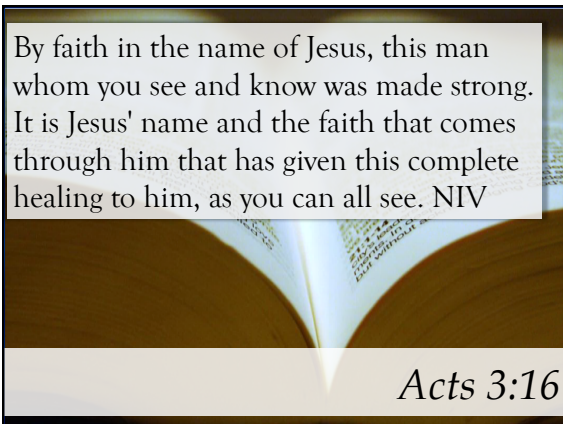


PRAYER IS A
CONVERSATION



"This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, NIV

Matthew 6:9

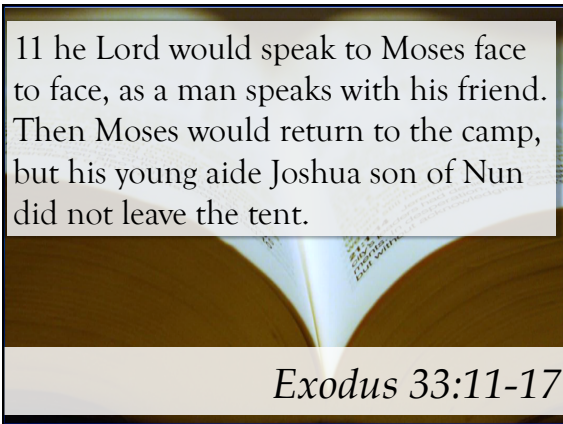


By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has given this complete healing to him, as you can all see. NIV

Acts 3:16



Moses Conversation
with God



11 he Lord would speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks with his friend. Then Moses would return to the camp, but his young aide Joshua son of Nun did not leave the tent.

Exodus 33:11-17

12 Moses said to the Lord, "You have been telling me, 'Lead these people,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. You have said, 'I know you by name and you have found favor with me.'

Exodus 33:11-17

13 If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favor with you. Remember that this nation is your people."

Exodus 33:11-17

14 The Lord replied, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."

Exodus 33:11-17

15 Then Moses said to him, "If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here.

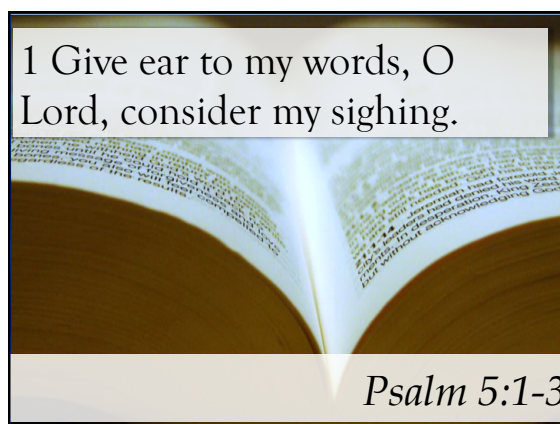
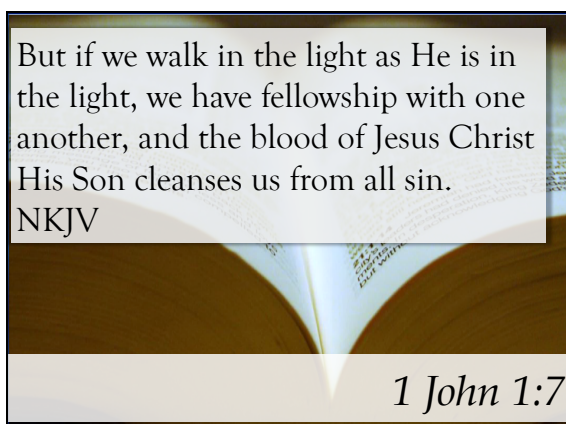
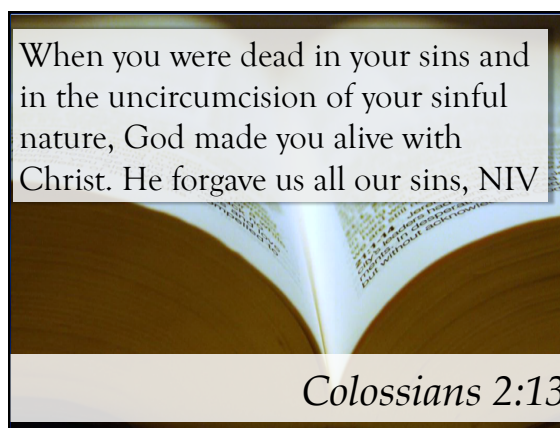
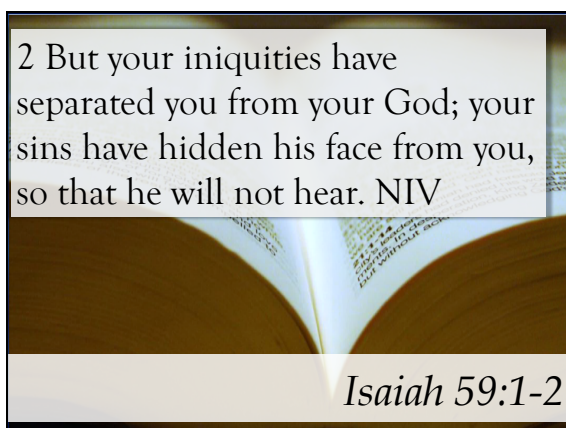
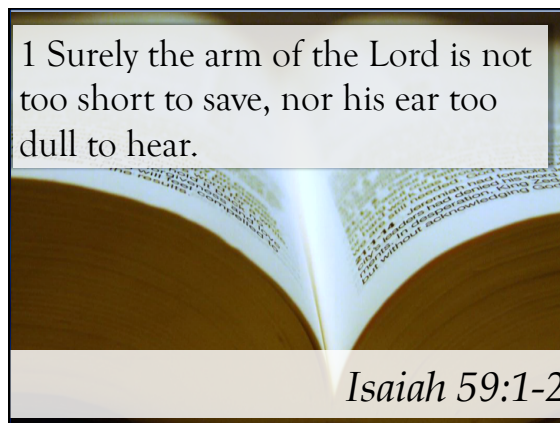
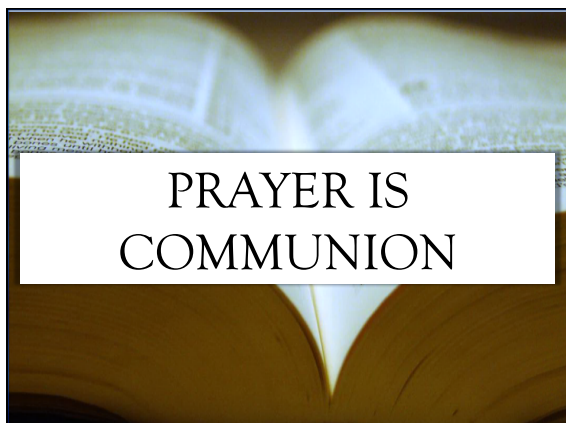
Exodus 33:11-17

16 How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?"

Exodus 33:11-17

17 And the Lord said to Moses, "I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name."
NIV

Exodus 33:11-17



2 Listen to my cry for help, my King and my God, for to you I pray.

Psalm 5:1-3

3 In the morning, O Lord, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation. NIV

Psalm 5:1-3

14 You are my friends if you do what I command.

John 15:14-16

15 I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.

John 15:14-16

16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. NIV

John 15:14-16

'Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.' NKJV

Jeremiah 33:3