

Saturday 2nd May 2020

Good morning!

One prayer suggestion and one inspiring prayer testimony today:

1) **Thanking God from 'A to Z'**

A simple way to thank God for all kinds of blessings.

As you take your exercise today, or in your home, just think of **objects** beginning with each letter of the alphabet....**a**pples, **b**ricks, **c**ars,.....etc. Don't worry if the first thing in your head is a bit random - roll with it! Use your imagination.

Thank the Lord for them; when they remind you of other associated things, memories, people or situations, let yourself be prompted to pray further.

2) **A Testimony of bold prayer**

"Dr. Bob Bagley's church in Africa didn't have a church building, so they literally met under the shade of a single tree near the village — that is, until the local witch doctor cursed the tree, and it withered.

The church didn't just lose their shade; they were overshadowed by the curse. It undermined the authority of their message. Bob knew their status in the village was in jeopardy if he didn't do something about it, so he called for a public prayer meeting. Not unlike Elijah, who challenged the prophets of Baal to a prayer duel, Bob confronted the curse and called down a blessing on the tree. He literally laid hands on the tree and prayed that God would resurrect it.

Now that's shameless audacity!

If God doesn't answer his prayer, he would have dug an even deeper hole. That is the risk of prayer, isn't it? But if we don't ask, we'll never know. We accumulate lots of wouldas, couldas, and shouldas. Here's what I know for sure: God won't answer 100 percent of the prayers we don't pray.

If we aren't willing to risk our reputation, we'll never establish God's reputation. We'll also never experience miracles like the one Bob saw. Not only did God break the curse and resurrect the tree; it became the only tree of its type to yield its fruit, not once, but twice a year.

A double crop! A double blessing!

Impossible prayers honour God because they reveal our faith and allow God to reveal His glory."

(from Mark Batterson, Draw the Circle, 40-day Prayer Challenge)