

15. When have you experienced the Holy Spirit helping you in your prayers? What did you learn from this?
16. If God has already determined His sovereign will, does prayer really change things? If so, how? If not, why pray?
17. How can we pray for each other this week?



Message #54: The Spirit's Help in Prayer

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Sermon Notes

1. Our Weakness

Quotes to Ponder

Our lack of prayer is not due to a lack of discipline, but rather a lack of feeling our need.

Paul Miller

By the work of the Spirit, a heart without words may bring down the blessing of God.

Alfred Plummer

Many Christians estimate difficulty in the light of their own resources, and thus they attempt very little and they always fail. All giants have been weak men who did great things for God because they reckoned on His power and presence to be with them.

Hudson Taylor

Groanings which cannot be uttered are often prayers which cannot be refused.

True prayer is measured by weight, not by length.

A single groan before God may have more fullness of prayer in it than a fine oration of great length.

Charles Spurgeon

The best prayers have often more groans than words.

John Bunyan

What the Spirit prays for us is that God would bring about the decisions and circumstances that would most magnify Christ in our lives when we are at a loss as to what the specific will of God is because of our weakness.

John Piper

2. The Spirit's Help

3. Our Confidence

1. What in the text or sermon impacted you most? What encouraged you? Convicted you? What called for more clarification?

1 Kings 8:39 —

Acts 1:24 —

2. What have we already learned in *Romans 8* about the Holy Spirit and how He helps believers?

1 Chronicles 28:9 —

1 Corinthians 4:5 —

Verse 2 —

Verse 13 —

Psalm 139:1-2 —

Hebrews 4:13 —

Verse 4 —

Verse 14 —

8. Are your prayers always *according to the will of God (Romans 8:27)*? Explain.

Verse 6 —

Verses 15-16 —

9. Because the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, why do we need to pray (*Matthew 6:5-13*)?

Verse 11 —

Verse 23 —

10. Who else intercedes for us (*Romans 8:34*)?

3. What does *Romans 8:26-27* teach us about the Holy Spirit?

11. How does it make you secure knowing that these two Members of the Trinity are interceding for you?

4. What is *our weakness (Romans 8:26)*?

12. What is the result of the Spirit's intercessory work on our behalf (*Romans 8:28*)?

5. What do you think Paul means when he says, *we do not know how to pray as we should (Romans 8:26)*?

6. How does the Spirit intercede for us (*Romans 8:26*)?

13. Read *Luke 22:31-32*. How does Jesus intercede for Peter? How would we have prayed for Peter?

7. Who is it that searches our hearts (*Romans 8:27*)?

1 Samuel 16:7 —

Proverbs 15:11 —

14. Is it your practice to intercede for other Christians? Why or why not?