

FIRST JOHN STUDY

CHAPTER 5:14-21

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“Pausing for Power”

THE THEME OF THE BOOK:

1 John 1:3

“that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.”

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I John 5:14-21

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Summation Sentence of Text

Christian fellowship is an opportunity that should be held at a premium by all of us. Our coming together is a church and as a ministry is to be a top priority of our lives. When we break fellowship, we break unity. When we break unity, we lose our vision and when we have lost our vision we lose our way...

Hebrews 10:24-25 NIV

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. ²⁵
Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another-- and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

But one of the great dangers we face as Christians is the temptation of becoming lazy in spiritual things. When that happens is when we begin to lose a heart for fellowship. We lose the desire to Fellowship with each other, and ultimately we lose the desire to fellowship with God Himself through prayer...

**Time Spent Conscious of
God,
is Time Spent in Prayer!**

Psalm 143:5

I remember the days of old; I meditate on all Your works; I muse on the work of Your hands.

Prayerlessness

Is the diet of the spiritually starved

Over and Over Again in Scripture we are Challenged to Pray and to Keep Praying.

We're Encouraged to Stay at it and to not Quit...

1 Thessalonians 5:17

pray without ceasing, - keep breathing!!!

Charles Spurgeon, the great preacher of yester year once said that

“The Prayer meeting is the Lungs of the Church”

**“A Christian without Prayer
Is like a Man without Air”**

Being Without Air

You and I will suffer greatly!

We will at first notice nothing, but very soon we will feel stressed internally, then fear quickly attacks until panic sets in and finally there is a violent struggle, then personification of apathy!!!

The Kursk

The Russian Sub-mariners aboard the Kursk ran out of Air

Did you know that from our listening posts in Stuttgart Germany and from the coast of Norway the United States Navy and the CIA listened to the entire accident take place in real time. Did you know that U.S. Naval intelligence could hear the impact, the tearing of the twin hulls, the explosions of the forward torpedoes and then the water flooding that submarine and the men drowning from a lack of air!

Jane's Intelligence Agency Tells us the United States Listened to the Accident Take Place while Moscow was not even aware of the incident it for nearly 12 hours. Moscow later became aware of it from international news reports on CNN...

When Air is Running Out, There Isn't Much Time

And when prayer is running low,
that's when it's time to pause for power

Pausing for Power

1.) *Gives us the Boldness*

vv. 14-15

Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. ¹⁵ And if **we know** that He hears us, whatever we ask, **we know** that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

Gives us the Boldness

1a.) *To speak the truth of God*

Verse 14

Now this is the **confidence** that we have in Him,

When we Pause for Power
We can speak the truth of God +/-

Acts 1:4,8

And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me... 8 "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Acts 4:29

"Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word,

Acts 4:31

And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.



Confidence

GRK 3954 parrhesia (par-rhay-see'-ah);

an out-spokenness, a frankness, an ability to be blunt and to the point of the matter. To reside in assurance

Gives us the Boldness

1b.) To talk to God with assurance

Verse 14

that if we ask anything **according to His will**, He hears us.

Notice How Causal Prayer is Introduced

that **if** we ask anything

James 4:2b

you have not, because you ask not.

**Why Don't I Ask More Often
And for More of what God wants for Me?**

Luke 11:9-10

"So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰ "For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

Verse 14

according to His will, He hears us

Does God Always Hear Us?

Isaiah 59:1-2 NIV

Surely the arm of the LORD is not too short to save, nor his ear too dull to hear. ² But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear.

Isaiah 1:15

When you spread out your hands, I will hide My eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not hear. Your hands are full of evil.

He Always Hear Us

When we repent of our sin that separates us

The Key to Answered Prayer
is Learning to Pray in Line with His Will

Gives us the Boldness

1c.) To know what is ours in Christ

Verse 15

And if **we know** that He hears us,
whatever we ask, **we know** that we have the petitions that we have
asked of Him.



Petitions

GRK 155 aitema (ah'-ee-tay-mah);

the thing asked for. A request for a desired thing. (person, place or thing) – in christ !!!

>>>> This is Psalm 37:4 <<<<

Listen to Paul's "Delighting" Heart as he Prays

Ephesians 3:14-20

For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ ¹⁵ from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named ¹⁶ that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner

man ¹⁷ that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love ¹⁸ may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height-- ¹⁹ to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰ Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us,

Pausing for Power

2.) Grants us the Ministry

vv. 16-17

If anyone sees his brother sinning a sin which does not lead to death, he will ask, and He will give him life for those who commit sin not leading to death. There is sin leading to death. I do not say that he should pray about that. ¹⁷ All unrighteousness is sin, and there is a sin not leading to death.

2a.) Of watching out for one another

v.16

If anyone sees his brother sinning a sin...

Galatians 6:1 ESV

Brothers, if someone is **caught (overtaken)** in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently. But watch yourself, or you also may be tempted.



Caught (overtaken)

GRK 4301 prolambano (prol-am-ban'-o);
stuck. Tangled up. to be surprised.

This All of Our Ministry That is, The Welfare of our Brothers

Genesis 4:8-9

Now Cain talked with Abel his brother; and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him. ⁹ Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?"

“Am I my brother keeper?” Yes you certainly are...



Keeper HEB 8104 shamar (shaw-mar');

To shepherd, to hedge about for protection. To guard against from harm

- When a Brother or Sister Falls, What's Your Response?
- When a Brother or Sister is Struggling, What's Your Response?

Grants us the Ministry

2b.) Of praying for one another

Verse 16

If anyone sees his brother sinning a sin **which does not lead to death, he will ask, and He will give him life for those who commit sin not leading to death**

**he (that is you and I) will ask (that is to pray)
and HE
(that is God) will give him life (Restoration)**

Luke 23:33-34a

And when they had come to the place called Calvary, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on the right hand and the other on the left. ³⁴ Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do."

We All Need Prayer

(Do You Pray For Me?)

Ephesians 6:18-19 TLB

Pray all the time. Ask God for anything in line with the Holy Spirit's wishes. Plead with him, reminding him of your needs, and keep praying earnestly for all Christians everywhere. ¹⁹ Pray for me, too, and ask God to give me the right words as I boldly tell others about the Lord and as I explain to them that his salvation is for the Gentiles too.

We're taught in the book of James...

James 5:13-15

Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms. ¹⁴ Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

Grants us the Ministry

2c.) Of caring for one another

Verse 16-17

There is sin leading to death. I do not say that he should pray about that. All unrighteousness is sin, and there is a sin not leading to death.

We Need to Physically Care for Each Other

**There is sin leading to death.
I do not say that he should pray about that**

Sins That Lead to Death

1 Corinthians 11:29-30

For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. ³⁰ For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep.

Acts 5:3-6

But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself? ⁴ While it remained, was it not your own? And after it was sold, was it not in your own control? Why have you conceived this thing in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God." ⁵ Then Ananias, hearing these words, fell down and breathed his last. So great fear came upon all those who heard these things. ⁶ And the young men arose and wrapped him up, carried him out, and buried him.

1 Corinthians 5:1-5

It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and such sexual immorality as is not even named among the Gentiles-- that a man has his father's wife! ² And you are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he who has done this deed might be taken away from among you. ³ For I indeed, as absent in body but present in spirit, have already judged (as though I were present) him who has so done this deed. ⁴ In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when you are gathered together, along with my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁵ deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

Pausing for Power

3.) *Guarantees us the victory*

vv. 18-19

We know that whoever is born of God does not sin; but he who has been born of God keeps himself, and the wicked one does not touch him. ¹⁹ **We know** that we are of God, and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one.

Guarantees us the victory

3a.) Over our old sin nature

Verse 18

We know that whoever is born of God does not sin;
Practices a sin – Stays at it – Continues on in it

Romans 7:18 NLT

I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out.

Galatians 2:20

"I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Romans 6:11-12

Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord. ¹² Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts.

Guarantees us the victory

3b.) Over our old enemy

Verse 18

but he who has been born of God keeps himself, and the wicked one does not touch him

Satan has been de-clawed, de-fanged, toward the life of the Christian *Guarantees us the victory*

3c.) Over our old home

Verse 19

We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one.



Sway GRK 2749 keimai (ki'-mahee);

To be receiving the advise of, to be appointed by another, to be bowing, to be kneeling, to be under the kingdom rule of a foreign leader. (having been invaded)

Pausing for Power

4.) Glorifies the Name of God

vv. 20-21

And **we know** that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, **that we may know** Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.

²¹ Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.

4a.) By inviting us into His presence

Verse 20

And **we know** that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, **that we may know** Him who is true;

The Son of God has come The Nature of Jesus is Evangelistic

Luke 4:43

but He said to them, "I must preach the kingdom of God to the other cities also, because for this purpose I have been sent."

Glorifies the Name of God

4b.) By giving us His eternal life

Verse 20

and we are **in Him** who is true, **in His Son** Jesus Christ.
This is the true God and eternal life.

Ephesians 2:7-10a

that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast. ¹⁰ For we are His workmanship...

Glorifies the Name of God

4c.) By calling us to share in His mission

Verse 21

Little children,
keep yourselves from idols. **Amen.**



Idols

GRK 1497 eidolon (i'-do-lon);

dual worship. To be divided about your devotion and passion

Other gods that are created by man or manmade gods

We need to all start now to practice at

Pausing for Power

What Can I Do About My Prayer Life?

- **Change Your Attitude About Prayer** – *stop making it a big bummer!*
- **Look for Indicators that Your Prayers are Being Answered** – *don't forget*
- **Step Out After Having Prayed and Give God Opportunity** – *go for it!*

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