

Questions

1. What illustration, story, or example stood out to you this week?
2. How do you remain in God's Word? What habits help you stay connected to God's Word? When has God's Word encouraged you in a tough battle that you have faced in the past?
3. Read James 5:16b. How can you make 2024 a year of prayer like you've never prayed before? What needs to change?
4. As a small group, how can you help one another hold up your staff and keep the Lord as your banner in your current and future battles?
5. Read Luke 18:1. Do you find it harder to always pray or to never give up? How can you improve in the area where you struggle?
6. What practical steps can you put into practice this week?

Scripture References

Exodus 15:27; Exodus 16:1-4; Exodus 17:8-15; James 5:16b; John 15:7; Proverbs 26:11; 1 John 1:9; Luke 18:1

Takeaways

- Make this a year of prayer with the Lord as your banner over all you do.
- You must hold your hands up in prayer to see it work.
- Jesus promises you the same power as Moses when you:
 - Remain in Christ as a lifestyle
 - Get His Word in your mind daily
 - Ask consistently and specifically
- What does it look like to remain in Christ as a lifestyle?
 - His weekly rhythm
 - With God's people
 - Don't forget emptiness of sin
 - Confess to God and return
 - Look to Him to meet your needs
- Get His Word in your mind daily: *What does this do?*
 - It purifies you (John 15:3)
 - It defeats your flesh
 - It changes your thinking
 - It gives you the mind of Christ
- Jesus is your salvation in the fight against your flesh

Week 4:

The God Who Fights for Us

start fresh

- Ask consistently and specifically: *What does this look like?*
 - Verbalize your desires to God (John 15:7)
 - Pick up your sword or staff (Exodus 17)
 - Ask with confidence (Hebrews 4:16)
 - Keep asking persistently (Luke 18:1)
- God's provision isn't always packaged the way you expected or wanted, but His provision is always guaranteed as you walk with Him.
- 3 Choices Today:
 - Will you abide closer to Jesus this year?
 - Will you intake Jesus' Words to remain in you?
 - Will you ask boldly with follow-through?