**Text**: Mark 11:22-25

**Topic**: Prayer/Theology

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**Prayer Essentials**

“The components of effective prayer”

**Text**: **Mark 11:22-25**, “**22**And Jesus answered them, “Have faith in God. **23**Truly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be taken up and thrown into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says will come to pass, it will be done for him. **24**Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. **25**And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.” **English Standard Version**

*Effective prayer requires you to*…

**Point #1**: **Understand** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! **v.22**

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**Point #2**: **Trust** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! **v.23**

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**Point #3**: **Ask** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! **v.24**

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**Point #4**: **Extend** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! **v.23**

**Corollary Verses**: Matthew 6:6, 9; John 14:13-14; Matthew 6:9-13; Psalm 119:9, 11; James 1:6-8; Matthew 7:7-11; James 4:2; 1 John 5:14-15; James 4:3; and Matthew 6:14.

**Application Questions**

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today’s sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to the questions listed below will assist you in gaining a better understanding of the point of this passage. Please be prepared to discuss your answers with your Home Fellowship Groups.

1.) Read **Matthew 6:9-13** and **John 14:13-14** then answer the following questions. Go through the Lord’s Prayer and assign a theological heading to each phrase. For example, “hallowed be your name,” could be “the holiness of God.” According to John’s gospel, what does it mean to pray in Jesus’s name? How should that guide your prayers?

2.) Read **Proverbs 3:5-8**; **Matthew 14:28-33**; and **James 1:6-8** then answer the following questions. In Proverbs passage who are we to put our imperfect trust in? When a person experiences doubt, who are they doubting, God or themselves? According to James, what are the two consequences of doubting God in this passage?

3.) Read **Matthew 6:8, 7:7-11**; **James 1:17, 4:2**; and **1 John 5:14-15** then answer the following questions. Why is it important to ask God even if He knows exactly what we needs? Why is it important to persist in prayer (see **Luke 18:1-8**)? When we ask for the right things, with the right motives, should we be confident that God will answer in the affirmative?

4.) Read **Matthew 6:14-15**, **John 13:6-10**; and **Ephesians 4:32** then answer the following questions. How does John passage make a distinction between relational forgiveness and eternal forgiveness between God and man? How does relational unforgiveness affect our relationship with God (Psalm 66:18) and with man (1 Peter 3:7)?