



Releasing the Power of Heaven

Title: Part 3 – pray first
Date: Sunday 23rd July 2017
Reading: Mark 1:29-39

Discipline (put it in your diary)

What appointments would be ‘immoveable’ in your diary/day? What is the difference between ‘booking God into your day’ and ‘fitting God into your day’? Is deepening our relationship with God a simple case of spending time with Him each day?

Ask and listen

How long should we spend listening for God’s voice?

Application of part 1 and part 2

Have you had the opportunity to use the name of Jesus or shared your Jesus story this week? How has it released the power of heaven?



The power of prayer

When we pray it releases God’s presence and power (Matt 18:19-20), have you ever experienced that? In Ephesians 6:18 we are called to pray ‘with all kinds of prayers’ – are there certain kinds of prayer you find easier than others? How important is it to develop and use other kinds of prayers?

The order makes a difference

When it comes to prayer, we often follow the model ‘problem-prayer-solution’. This is a biblical model – read Philippians 4:6. But Jesus made prayer the starting point. Prayer prepared him to meet the challenges of the day (Mark 1:35 & 9:28-29). How might praying first, asking God what He wants to say/do today impact our lives/release the power of Heaven?

How to ‘pray first’...

Remember it is a relationship

What makes a good/healthy relationship? If a person only asks for things, how healthy is that relationship? What traits define your relationship with God?