Sunday, October 27, 2019 "Praying in the Power of the Spirit" Mark 9:14-29

The one-page letter of the book of Jude in the New Testament invites believers to build themselves up in the most holy faith by praying in the Holy Spirit. God loves to respond the prayers of his people. The Holy Spirit is the designated helper of all believers to keep them in the love of God through prayer.

This week I would like to encourage you to become acquainted with this incredible gift of praying in the Spirit.

1. Building yourself up in the Spirit Jude 1:20-21

- A. Ask the Lord to teach you how to pray in faith believing for Him to answer you.
- B. Confront the fears of the enemy that want you to believe that God is not listening to your prayers.
- C. Confess to God these words "I know you love me and are listening to my prayers to strengthen my relationship with you".

2. Ask the Lord to increase your faith to receive the things you are asking for. Matt. 21:22

- A. God will give you what you ask for in faith.
- B. Ask God to fill you with knowledge of His desire and promises for us.
- C. Take the time to look up one scripture that shares with you the promises of God to supply your need.

3. Meditate on the Spirit's desire to help you pray and intercede for you Romans 8:26-27

- A. If you do not know how to pray in the Spirit, ask the Lord to help you.
- B. Take the scriptures that you read and speak them back to the Lord in the form of a prayer.
- C. The groaning of the Spirit is often employed when you are at a loss for words. Sit in the Lord's presence and let Him speak to you.

4. Pray for mountain moving faith Mark 11:22-25

- A. Pray with determination and faith knowing that God is able
- B. Confront the obstacles in your prayers as opportunities for God to show is power on your behalf
- C. Speak directly toward the thing that is in your way "in the name of Jesus" which is your authority to have the obstacle removed

5. Find your "prayer closet" to pursue God in prayer Matt. 6:6-8

- A. Prayers do not have to be long to be effective
- B. Thank the Lord in advance for the answer to your prayer knowing that He is listening to you
- C. Your prayer closet can be your car on the way to work as you declare God's sovereignty over your situations

6. Agree together in prayer with others Matt. 18: 19-20

- A. Make an effort to reach out to another believer to partner with you in prayer over a situation
- B. The power of praying with others forms a spiritual agreement in prayer
- C. When several people are praying and listening to God for answers we can receive confirmation of His will and direction for our prayer petition

Praying is the Spirit should be the most natural thing that we do when we approach the Lord in faith believing that He hears and loves us. The Holy Spirit is constantly making intercession for us.