

Devotional Guide

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Prayer Dependent

Unleashing Heaven's Power

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The message explores how many of us live with a dangerous disconnection from the only true source that can sustain and empower the life God created us to enjoy. Using the electric-shock story from Guatemala and Jesus' teaching in John 15:5-8, it reveals that apart from remaining in Christ we can do nothing of eternal value.

Prayer is the life-giving connection that links our lives to Heaven's power, allowing it to flow into our daily realities, our church, and this broken world. The sermon traces God's unchanging plan across five acts of history and presents four practical ways prayer aligns us with Jesus' kingdom agenda. This truth challenges us to stay plugged in so Heaven's new-creation power can fuel the mission of helping more people find their true home in Jesus.

How to Use This Guide:

Set aside 10-15 minutes daily. Read the Bible, reflect on the thought, answer questions, pray, and take the action step. Commit to this for growth—journal insights and share with a friend for accountability.

Day 1: The Danger of Disconnection

Bible Reading: John 15:5-6

The sermon opened with a story of an unexpected electric shock in Guatemala. Power flowed through Pastor Mike to his friend Jack—yet Mike felt nothing. The illustration mirrors a far more serious disconnection many experience every day. Jesus declares, “Apart from me you can do nothing.”

A disconnected life withers and produces nothing of lasting value. Yet God never abandoned his plan to dwell with us. Prayer is the cord that reconnects us to Heaven’s life. Reflect on areas where you feel drained or disconnected—perhaps in busyness, worry, or distraction. The big idea reminds us that Prayer Dependent Living Unleashes Heaven’s Power.

Reflection Questions:

1. What does John 15:5-6 reveal about life apart from Jesus?
2. Where have you felt spiritually “unplugged” lately?
3. How does the Guatemala story connect to your own experience?
4. What small step could help you stay connected today?
5. How does the big idea encourage you when life feels powerless?

Prayer Prompt: Lord, forgive the ways I’ve lived disconnected from You. Reveal any area where I need reconnection. Thank You for Jesus, the true vine. Plug me back into Your power. Amen.

Action Step: Identify one habit or distraction that drains your spiritual battery and replace it with five minutes of honest prayer today.

Day 2: Remaining in the Vine

Bible Reading: John 15:7-8

Jesus promises that when we remain in him and his words remain in us, we can ask whatever we wish and it will be done. This connection produces fruitful lives that bring the Father glory and show we are his disciples. The sermon reminded us that our connection to Jesus creates opportunities to do things of eternal value.

Prayer is far more than a religious duty—it is the everyday practice of staying wired to Heaven’s power. In real life this looks like bringing our ordinary moments—school deadlines, work stress, family challenges—into conversation with the One who holds everything together. The big idea—Prayer Dependent Living Unleashes Heaven’s Power—shifts our focus from self-effort to joyful dependence.

Reflection Questions:

1. What phrases in John 15:7-8 describe the fruit of remaining in Jesus?
2. How have you seen prayer produce “fruit” in your life or someone else’s?
3. What does it look like practically to let Jesus’ words remain in you?
4. Where do you need Heaven’s power to flow this week?
5. How does this truth change your view of prayer?

Prayer Prompt: Jesus, help me remain in You today. Let Your words shape my thoughts and choices. Produce fruit in my life that brings You glory. Amen.

Action Step: Write John 15:5 on a note and place it where you’ll see it multiple times today. Pause and pray it each time you notice it.

Day 3: God's Story: Heaven & Earth United

Bible Reading: John 1:14; Matthew 6:9-10

God's plan has always been that humans would live in a way that made sense for him to make his permanent home with us. The sermon walked through five acts of God's story: effortless conversation in Eden, the heartbreak of rebellion, God dwelling among Israel in the tabernacle, Jesus as Emmanuel the true Temple, and now the church as the living temple.

Prayer moved from easy garden talk to longing, then to the very pattern of Jesus' life. The Lord's Prayer teaches us to pray "on earth as it is in heaven." The big idea invites us to pray from within this story so Heaven's life flows into our world.

Reflection Questions:

1. What surprises you about God's plan across the five acts?
2. How does knowing Jesus is "God with us" change how you pray?
3. What does "Your kingdom come... on earth as it is in heaven" mean for your daily life?
4. Where do you long to see Heaven's power break into your world?
5. How does this big picture encourage your prayer life?

Prayer Prompt: Father, thank You for never abandoning Your plan to dwell with us. Make Your home in my life today. Let Your kingdom come in my corner of the world. Amen.

Action Step: Pray the first two lines of the Lord's Prayer slowly three times today, picturing Heaven touching earth right where you are.

Day 4: Prayer Connects Heaven to Brokenness Through You

Bible Reading: Acts 4:23-31

After Peter and John were threatened, the early church didn't pray for safety—they prayed for boldness so God's kingdom would advance. The place was shaken, the Spirit filled them, and they spoke the word with courage. The sermon used the electric-shock illustration to show that when we stay connected, Heaven's power passes through us to touch the brokenness around us.

Prayer isn't about escaping the world; it's stepping into the intersection of Heaven and earth. The big idea reminds us that ordinary people like us carry extraordinary power when we pray.

Reflection Questions:

1. What stands out in the believers' prayer in Acts 4?
2. When have you seen God's power flow through someone's prayer?
3. How does the idea of being a "wire" for Heaven's power change your view of everyday life?
4. What broken place around you needs Heaven's life this week?
5. How will you live as a connector this week?

Prayer Prompt: Lord, use me as a conduit for Your power. Fill me with Your Spirit and give me boldness to speak and act for Your kingdom. Amen.

Action Step: Pray specifically for one person facing brokenness today, then reach out with encouragement or practical help.

Day 5: The Lord's Prayer: Jesus' Kingdom Agenda

Bible Reading: Matthew 6:9-13

Jesus didn't teach us to pray so we could escape earth and go to Heaven. He taught us to pray so the life of Heaven would take hold right here. The sermon showed that when we pray the Lord's Prayer, we join Jesus' own prayer life and his agenda for the world. Daily bread, forgiveness, deliverance from evil—all of it is about God's kingdom advancing on earth.

Prayer Dependent Living means aligning our hearts with what God is doing to redeem and restore. The big idea transforms our prayers from self-focused to kingdom-focused.

Reflection Questions:

1. How does each line of the Lord's Prayer connect to Jesus' agenda?
2. Which part of the prayer challenges you most right now?
3. How can praying "on earth as it is in heaven" change your relationships or responsibilities?
4. What would it look like for God's will to be done in your school, job, or family?
5. How has this week shifted your prayer life?

Prayer Prompt: Jesus, teach me to pray as You prayed. Align my heart with Your kingdom. May Your will be done in my life today. Amen.

Action Step: Pray the full Lord's Prayer out loud once today, pausing after each line to make it personal.

Day 6: Living Prayer-Dependently Today

Bible Reading: John 15:5; Colossians 1:17 (cross-reference)

Review the week: from the danger of disconnection to the joy of staying plugged into Jesus. The sermon closed with a clear invitation: pray from within God’s big story, memorize John 15:5 as your “Power Cord” verse, and guard against self-centered prayer. When we do, Heaven’s power flows through us, fuels new-creation impacts that last, and advances the mission of helping more people find their true home in Jesus.

The big idea—Prayer Dependent Living Unleashes Heaven’s Power—becomes our daily reality. Keep staying connected; the world needs the life of Heaven flowing through you.

Reflection Questions:

1. What is one key insight you’re taking away from this guide?
2. How has your view of prayer changed over these six days?
3. Where will you apply “Prayer Dependent Living” in the coming week?
4. Who is one person you could share this hope with?
5. How will you celebrate and keep the momentum going?

Prayer Prompt: Loving Father, thank You for the gift of prayer and the power it unleashes. Keep me connected to Jesus every day. Use me to bring Heaven’s life into this world. Amen.

Action Step: Memorize John 15:5 this week and review the guide each morning. Share one takeaway with a friend or family member today.



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