

Prayer at Work

THE REFURBISHED LIFE – THE HABIT OF PRAYER

2 Chronicles 7:13 – 14

¹³ Whenever I hold back the rain or send locusts to eat up the crops or send an epidemic on my people, ¹⁴ if they pray to me and repent and turn away from the evil they have been doing, then I will hear them in heaven, forgive their sins, and make their land prosperous again. ¹⁵ I will watch over this Temple and be



WHAT IS PRAYER?



When you **pray**,
your words speak
what your heart tells.



Prayer is a *solitary* work

One day, Jesus was praying **in a certain place**. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.” – Luke 11:1 (NIV)

Luke 5:16

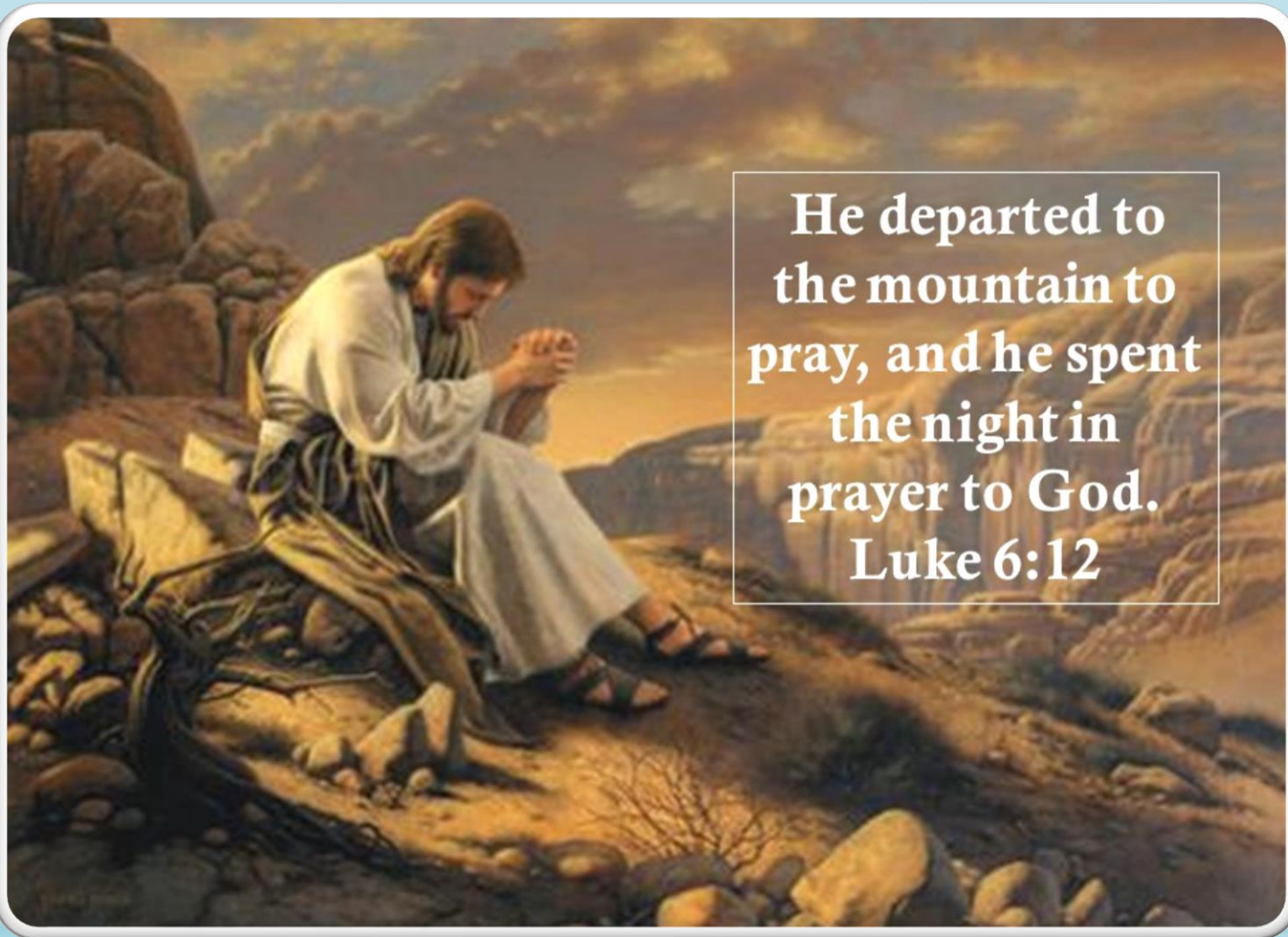
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-Luke 5:16



Luke 6:12



He departed to
the mountain to
pray, and he spent
the night in
prayer to God.
Luke 6:12

One of those days
Jesus went out to a
mountainside to
pray, and **spent the
night praying** to
God.

MATTHEW 6:5-8

And when you pray, you shall not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Truly I say to you, They have their reward.

Matthew 6:5



MATTHEW 6:5-8



But thou, when thou prayest,
enter into thy closet, and when
thou hast shut thy door,
pray to thy Father
which is in secret;
and thy Father
which seeth in secret
shall reward thee openly.

Matthew 6:6



MATTHEW 6:5-8

But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions,
as the heathen do: for they think that they
shall be heard for their much speaking.

Matthew 6:7



MATTHEW 6:5-8

**"YOUR FATHER
KNOWS WHAT
YOU NEED EVEN
BEFORE YOU
ASK HIM."**

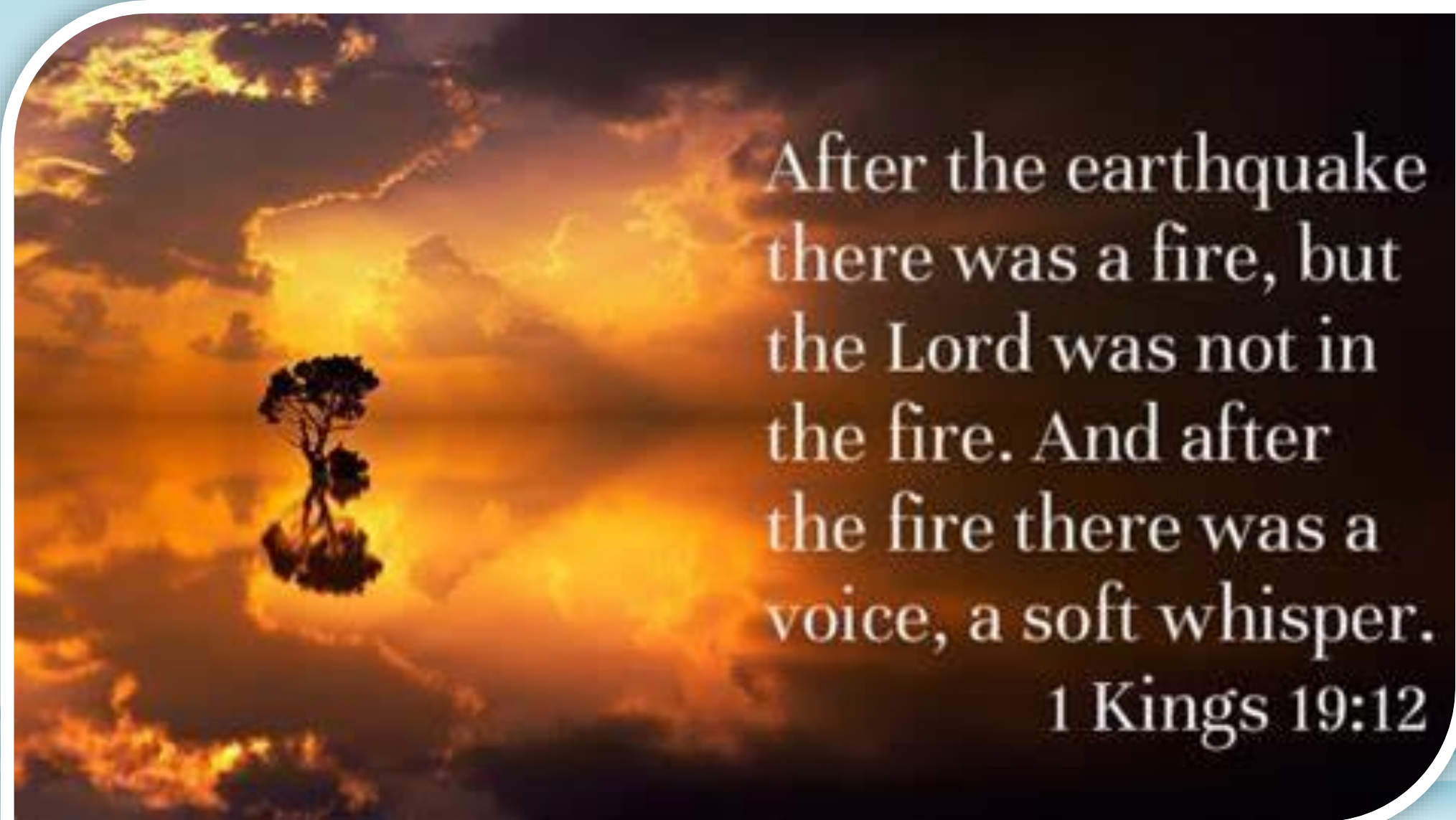
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Prayer is **not** a spectator sport



“There will be solitary experiences of shutting the world out and tuning in to God.”

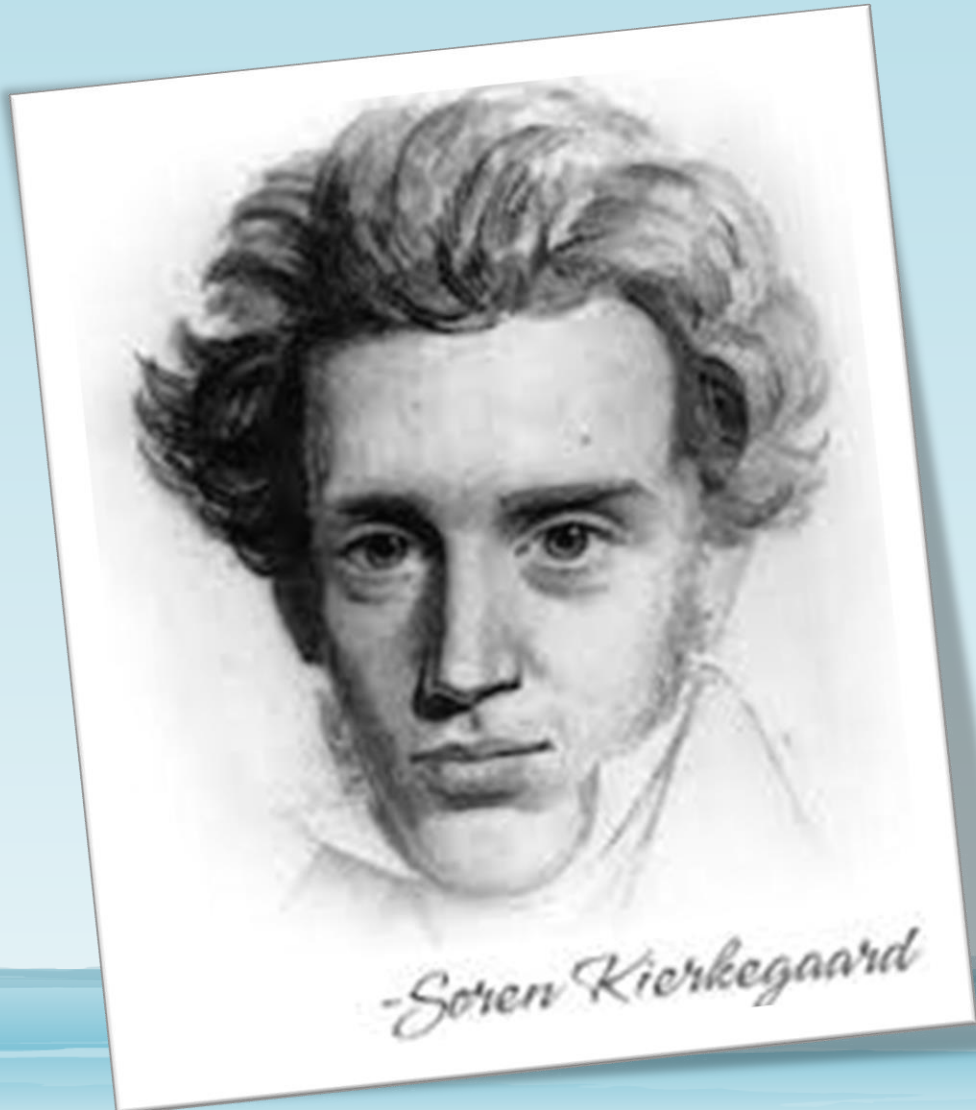
1 Kings 19:12



After the earthquake there was a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there was a voice, a soft whisper.

1 Kings 19:12

Prayer is listening...



A man prayed, and at first he thought that prayer was talking. But he became more and more quiet until in the end he realized prayer is listening.

Soren Kierkegaard

Experiencing the power &
activity of prayer...

— The Power of —
PRAYER



Prayer is a ***bold*** work

5 Then Jesus said to them, “Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread;

6 a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.”

Luke 11:5, 6 (NIV)


Prayer is a *bold* work

7 And suppose the one inside answers, ‘Don’t bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can’t get up and give you anything.’

8 I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity, he will surely get up and give you as much as you need.”

Luke 11:7, 8 (NIV)

Prayer is a *engaging* work



Luke 11:9
**AND I SAY
UNTO YOU,
ASK,**
AND IT SHALL BE
GIVEN YOU;
SEEK,
AND YE SHALL
FIND;
KNOCK,
AND IT SHALL BE
OPENED
UNTO YOU.

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FOR EVERYONE WHO ASKS
RECEIVES

HE WHO SEEKS
FINDS

AND TO HIM WHO KNOCKS
THE DOOR WILL BE
OPENED

LUKE 11:10

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God listens.

Prayer is a *engaging* work

11 “Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? **12** Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion?”

Prayer is a *engaging* work

13 If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

Understanding that prayer lives in the moment...



Prayer is **living...**

Becoming a
Living
Prayer



The best teacher on prayer is **the Holy Spirit...**

2 Chronicles 7:13-14

When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain,
or command the locust to devour the land,
or send pestilence among my people,
if my people who are called by my name humble themselves,
and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways,
then I will hear from heaven and
will forgive their sin and heal their land.

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