**Sunday, 7 May, 2023**

**What Jesus Taught About Prayer Series**

**Part 1: A Successful Prayer Life is Built Upon the Word**

Jesus taught that a successful prayer life must be built on the Word. Our prayers will be fruitful when our prayers are based on the Word.

1. Whether our prayers are answered depends more on us than on God – John 15:7
   1. Abiding in Jesus helps to build a successful prayer life – John 15:7
      1. Abide means to dwell, remain, and continue in.
      2. To abide in Jesus means to continue in His teachings, in His Words - 1 John 2:24, 1 John 3:24
   2. The Word abiding in you helps to build a successful prayer life – John 15:7
      1. If you do not know the Word of God, you are at a disadvantage.
      2. Put God’s Word in you - His Word cannot abide in you if you do not know what it says.
      3. If His Word abides in you, then you will have light and revelation concerning the will of God.
2. Four things that will happen in your prayers when the Word abides in you
   1. You will have a scriptural foundation for your prayers – Matthew 7:24-25
   2. You will desire the correct things – John 15:7
   3. You will not pray unnecessary prayers – 2 Corinthians 6:14
   4. You will pray according to God’s will – 1 John 5:14-15

Conclusion: Jesus taught that a successful prayer life is built upon the Word. We build our prayer life upon the Word by abiding in the teachings of Jesus and by His Word abiding in us.

Discussion Questions:

1. Why does receiving answers to our prayers depend more on us that n God?
2. How can you abide in Him?
3. How can His Word abide in you?