

PRAYER THAT PLUNDERS HELL

Introduction:

1. Prayer that Changes Destiny

- Prayer in response to the realization that I am a sinner.
 - McKenzie had been a street fighter in Bundaberg.
 - Attended some open-air gospel meetings.
 - Impacted by enthusiastic singing and testimony.

Illustration: Story of fighting McKenzie¹

“One night” (he wrote) “a powerful revelation of the Spirit of God came to my mind. It so gripped and affected me with a sense of my own individual sin against God Almighty, particularly with a sense of rebellion and disobedience, that my heart cried out: ‘Who am I that I should fight against God?’

“I felt so unworthy to live, because I had enjoyed all the blessings of God without saying ‘Thank You’ for anything He had done for or given to me. So profound was this disturbance in my soul that I was afraid to sleep in case I should wake up in Hell. I could not work because my mind and conscience were so troubled, and I could not eat because I was so taken up with pondering these things.”

One morning, around 4am, Will was astounded to hear the audible voice of God speaking to him clearly, a voice he would hear again on the bloodstained battlefields of Gallipoli and France...a voice that would save his life on at least six occasions. The voice said: “Go to Bundaberg! Go to Bundaberg and join the Salvation Army!”

- This voice shook him, and he heard it four mornings before he surrendered.
- He rode 16miles to Bundaberg, interrupting the service and went straight to the front and was born again.
- Photo of his welcome home



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- **Romans 5:8** *‘But God demonstrates His own love for us in this – while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.’*
- **Colossians 1:13** *For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of His Son.*

2. Prayer that Changes Direction

- Prayer that recognizes Jesus as Lord

Romans 10:9-10 *If you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord”, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with our heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.*

1 Peter 3:15a *But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord.*

- These scriptures are talking about surrender
 - Surrender leads to ministry / mission
 - This can change the spiritual atmosphere.

ILLUSTRATION: Timeline from Luke’s Gospel

Luke	Event/s	Opposition
4:5:50	Temptation – victory	rejection
5:17-7:18	Ministry	Growing religious opposition
7:18	Ministry	John imprisoned; beheaded
8:22	Ministry	Satan using storm; demonic activity
9:46	Ministry	Disciples argue; Samaritans opposition
10-11	Sent out 72; disciples ask how to pray;	Satan fell; demonic activity decreasing
12-18	Crowds increasing	
19	Zacchaeus’ conversion; led to multitudes following	
19:45-48	Clearing temple;	Opposition could not touch Him; Satan losing control
22:3	Jesus teaching at temple; prays	Satan attacks disciples; enters Judas
22:31	Jesus Prays	Tries to influence Peter

3. Prayer that Breaks Satan's Power

- Jesus sent out 72 disciples.
- The 72 disciples rejoiced.

Luke 10:17 *The seventy-two returned with joy and said, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name."*

- Jesus' reaction:

Luke 10:18-21 *He replied, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."*

- The strategy:
 - Pray blessing / peace to them (10:5)
 - Fellowship with them (10:7)
 - Pray for their needs (10:9)
 - Proclaim the Good News (10:9)

4. Prayer that Touches the Father's Heart

Luke 11:2 *He said to them, "When you pray, say: 'Father, hallowed by your name, your kingdom come; your will be done on earth as in heaven...'*

- Adoration [11:2]
- Alignment [11:2]
- Releases:
 - Provision
 - Forgiveness from God and to each other
 - Good leading
 - Deliverance from the evil one