

## **Dynamic Disciples: Discovering the Power Within Through Prayer**

Week 8: Your Heart: Faith vs Doubt

“Weekly Takeaways”

*“If you believe in prayer at all, expect God to hear you. If you do not expect, you will not have. God will not hear you unless you believe He will hear you; but if you believe He will, He will be as good as your faith.”*

*Charles Spurgeon*

### **Battle Plan**

- Enlistment
- Basic training
- Conditional
  - **Your Heart: Faith vs. Doubt**
- Strategies
- Targets
- Ammunition

### **Key Verse**

- *Let him ask in faith without doubting. For the doubter is like the surging sea, driven and tossed by the wind. That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. (James 1:6-7 HCSB)*

### **Your Heart: Faith vs. Doubt—Misconceptions about God’s Heart and Identity**

1. God doesn’t know or understand my needs. (Matt. 10:30; Heb. 4:13; Matt. 6:8) **YES, God knows you better than you know yourself. He is Omniscient—All knowing!!**
2. God isn’t able to help. (Eph. 3:20; Matt. 17:20; Matt. 19:26) **God is able...more than able!!! He is Omnipotent—All powerful!!! He is able to do more than we can imagine!**
3. God doesn’t care. (Luke 11:7; Luke 18:1-5, 7-8; 11:9) **Lack of immediate action should never be interpreted as lack of concern. Not only does He care; He cares for you more than anyone else in your life!**
4. God isn’t likely to do anything anyway. (Mark 11:24; Mark 1:41; Heb. 7:25) **YES, He is willing to listen and respond and counsel and comfort and encourage and direct and rescue.**

### **Your Heart: Faith vs. Doubt—Battle Plan for life includes the kind of praying that:**

- Expects Him to know your heart and what you truly need from Him
- Believes that no limitations apply to Him, that He can do anything
- Anticipates that He will respond to you with love, compassion, and mercy
- Assumes that He is there and listening, willing to come to your aid and help you

### **Evening Discussion**

1. What does Hebrews 11:6 teach us about faith?
2. What are some of the lies people believe that cause them not to pray in faith?
3. What attributes of God help us to trust Him by faith when we pray?

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### **Effective Takeaways**

- Daily ask the Lord—in prayer—to reveal more about Himself to you as you absorb His Word, follow His teaching, apply His promises, and grow in knowledge and wisdom. Because the better you know Him, the more time you’ll want to spend with Him. And the more time you spend with Him, the weaker all these misconceptions will be and the greater your faith!