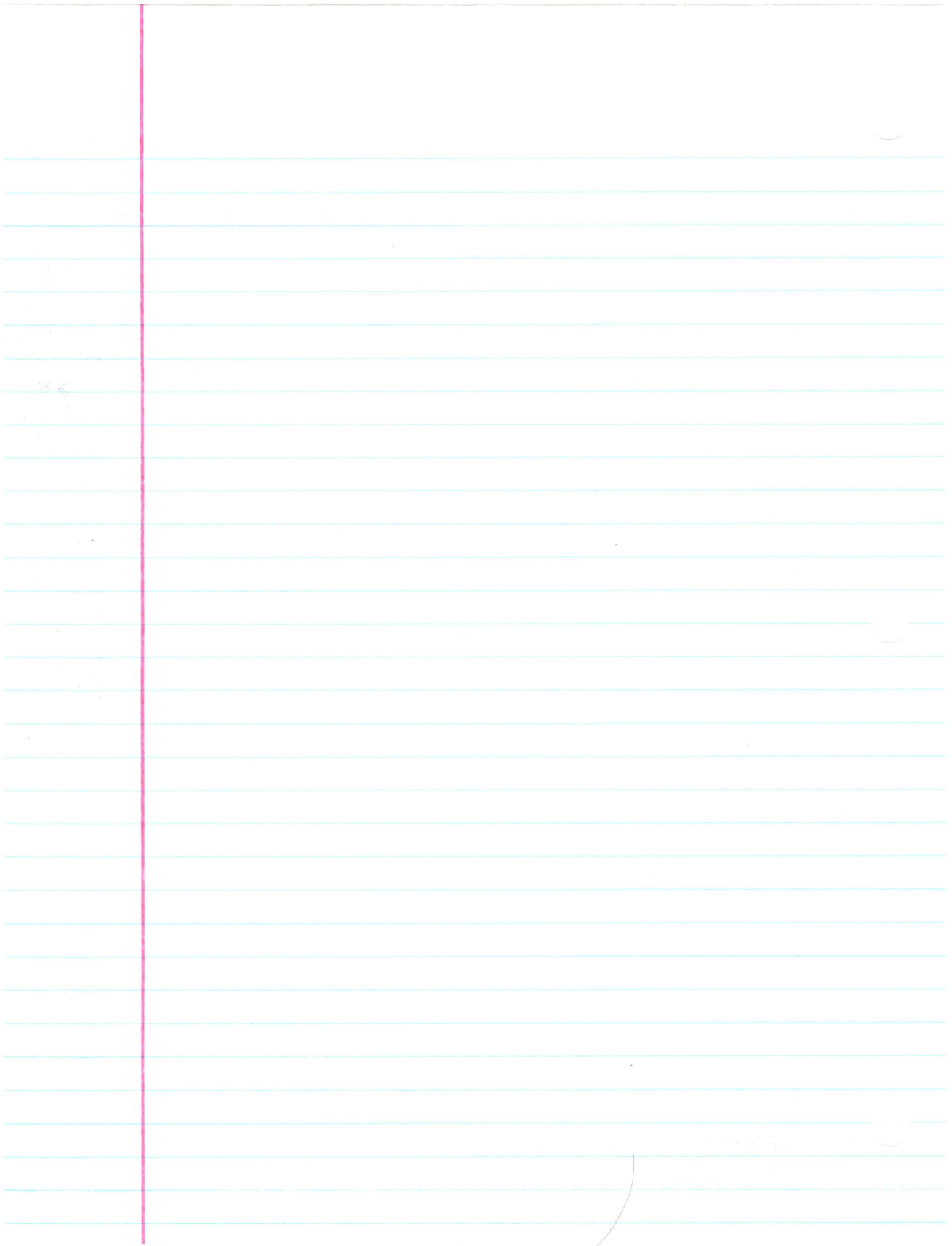


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When you Pray, SAY  
- Boldly Calling On Our Father

SONGS OF BELIEVERANCE  
- Psalm 32:7 -

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- Luke 11:1-10      When You Pray, SAY
- Key Verse: Luke 11:2      - Boldly, Calling On Our Father

"Do for me, I will call upon God; and the LORD shall save me.

Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and He shall hear my voice."

- Psalm 55:16,17 (KJV)

"So He said to them, 'When you pray, say:'"

- Luke 11:2a (NKJV)

"When you pray, SAY..." Have you ever noticed that Jesus' example prayer is very demanding on our part? Even "thy will be done" is in a statement of demand.

"God, make Your will happen here on earth, as it does in heaven."

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In Matthew 6, it says, "after this manner therefore pray ye:"

This is how our prayer should sound. It's how Jesus prayed. He did not timidly approach

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His Father!  
 "And Jesus lifted up His eyes (He did not bow His head and close His eyes!), and said, 'Father, I thank You that You have heard Me, but because of the people who

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are standing by I said this, that they may believe that you sent me."

- John 11:41, 42 (NKJV)

## I. Boldness is Not Disrespect, It is Faith - 1 Jn 5:14

"Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us,"<sup>15</sup> "And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him."

- 1 John 5:14 (NKJV)

This is confidence! Jesus did not pray wishing that Lazarus would raise from the dead. Faith is confidence. "Boy, I sure hope THIS works!"

He knew! He knew it was already done before He left Jerusalem!

"This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it."

- John 11:4 (NKJV)

God has given you and me the same authority, as we approach Him, that Jesus has!

"Let us then fearlessly and confidently and boldly draw near to the throne of grace (the throne of God's unmerited favor to us sinners), that we may receive mercy for our failures and find grace to help in good time for every need / appropriate help and well-



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timed help, coming just as we need it!"

- Hebrews 4:16 (AMP)

Fearless, confident, and bold should describe how we pray. Like Jesus, we should be able to say, "Father, I know that You hear me. And I know that You ALWAYS hear me." Glory to God!

If we lack that confidence, we need to ask God to reveal to us our true place of authority in Christ. - Eph 2:16,7

We have to be CONVINCED of where we stand!

When we understand where we stand before God, we

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will pray with confidence.

"This is according to His eternal purpose accomplished in the Messiah, Jesus our Lord."<sup>12</sup>In

Him we have boldness and confident access through faith in Him."

- Ephesians 3:11,12 (HCSB) (emphasis mine)

Boldness going to God in prayer comes through faith.

When we come to God timidly, it is not humility, but lack of faith. We are letting Satan tell us we are unworthy.

Faith in Satan's word leads to fear of coming to our Father. - Gen 3:8-11 Faith in God gives us boldness and confidence in prayer.

## II. Faith Comes By Hearing God's Word - Rom 10:17

The solution to timid praying is hearing more of God's word, and letting that word into your heart. Seeking the word for your situation changes you. In the Psalms, David called it delighting in God's Law.

As you see the way God's truth changes your circumstances, confidence grows. As you hear the word, the Holy Spirit shows you the truth of that word, as it applies to your life.

"Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed in Him, 'If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed.<sup>32</sup> And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.'"

- John 8:31,32 (NKJV)

1: Meditate on what God's Word says about praying and receiving.

- We've only scratched the surface, here.

2: Ask the Holy Spirit to write that truth on your heart; to produce faith in the word. - Rom 8:26,27

"For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after that day, says the Lord: I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people."

- Hebrews 8:10 (see John 14:26; 16:13-15)

3: Stand on and speak only what God's Word says about

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your position in Jesus Christ, and your authority in Him. (see Psalm 8:5)

"and since we have the same spirit of faith in keeping with what is written, <sup>\*1</sup> I believed, therefore I spoke, we also believe, and therefore speak."

- 1 Corinthians 4:13 (HCSB) \* Psalm 116:10

4: Now, boldly go to your Father with your needs, and even your desires; believing they are already yours.

• "When you pray, believe that you receive..." - Mk 11:24

• "...we know that we have..." - Jn 5:15

\* Note: 1 John 5:13 tells us that we can be confident of eternal life in Jesus. Then, he immediately tells us that we can be confident in answered prayer, in Jesus.

God's condition is that we ask according to His will. (you should read my notes, "I Will. God's Word to His Will.") Knowing God's will means knowing God's Word.

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Find out what the Bible says about your request.

Let's look at one example: Our basic needs; food, clothing, a home.



What does God's Word say about that?

1: Don't even concern yourself about it. - Matt 6:25-33

\* Instead, focus on God's Kingdom, and His righteousness.

(Hint: You are a citizen of God's Kingdom right now; living with all of its blessings, laws, and privileges.

In Jesus, you have been robed in God's righteousness.

Glory to God! Dwell on THAT instead of your daily needs, and you'll understand that no one in God's realm is needy!)

2: God has enough to cover it. - Phil 4:19

When supplying your needs, God is not limited by the world's economy. He supplies out of His riches in glory (where moths and rust can't get at it), by the anointed power of Jesus that breaks yokes, removes burdens, and overcomes all foes. He will get it to you.

(Are you beginning to feel rich yet?)

God is not limited by the world's economy!

3: God wants to give you more than you need so you can help others.

- 11 Cor 9:1-15

"And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work."

- 11 Corinthians 9:8 (NKJV)

(How 'bout now?)

Do you take the abundant supply God has given you and bless others, you "Seek" another law of God's Kingdom



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"The Law of Sowing and Reaping"

"But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. <sup>7</sup> So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver."

- 11 Corinthians 9: 6 & 7

If you are generous, in the Kingdom of God, you reap generosity. It's the law. God gave Israel cities that they did not build, and fields that they did not sow, and vineyards and olive groves they did not plant.

- Joshua 24:13

When we trust God to provide, He is not stingy!

So, now that we know God's will about providing  
 When we trust God to provide, our needs, we can boldly ask  
 for those things, believing that  
 He is not stingy! they are ours. - Mark 11:24

(see also, 1 John 5:14, 15)

"Give us this day our daily bread" - Matt 6:11

Faith depends on God for each day's needs. God wants us to ask for it each day; confident that He will provide EVERY day.

### III. Then wait - Psalm 37:3-11

"Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him;  
Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way,  
Because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass."

- Psalm 37:7 (NKJV)

Trust God, even when you don't see anything happening.  
God has already answered, but He may need to move  
other things into place in order to provide your answer.

This is especially true when another person's will is

God has involved.

already answered. When Daniel prayed and fasted for the  
end of Israel's bondage, God answered and  
dispatched Gabriel with a message. He was resisted  
by "the <sup>\*</sup>prince of the kingdom of Persia", the demon over that  
area. <sup>\*</sup>see Eph 6:12 He fought the demon for 21 days,  
then Michael came to help so Gabriel could finish his  
mission. - Daniel 9 & 10

The lesson: Wait patiently on God. His will is  
always accomplished on time.

Don't worry about the one who prospers in HIS WAY.

"There is a way that seems right to a man,  
But its end is the way of death."

- Proverbs 14:12

You will always be better off when you leave timing  
to God. Even Jesus' own birth came to pass "in the fullness  
of time."

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"But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons."  
- Galatians 4:4

Boldly go to God.

Confidently believe His Word.

Patiently wait for His answer.

"Hitherto have ye asked nothing in My Name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.

- John 16:24 (KJV)

The Father loves you (v. 27) and wants to answer your prayers, so you will be filled with joy. That's what Fathers do. They love, care for, and provide for their children.

So ask, and receive, that YOUR joy will be full.



