



Praying Like Hezekiah

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2 Kings 18:17-2 Kings 19:19

Two Ways to Instantly Increase the Effectiveness of your Prayers

1. Take time to fill your own _____ tank.

2 Kings 19:15-16 NIV: *And Hezekiah prayed to the LORD: "LORD, the God of Israel, enthroned between the [angels], you alone are God over all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and earth. Give ear, LORD, and hear; open your eyes LORD, and see..."*

There is a difference between wishing some god will do something, hoping there is some force in the universe who will shower some good fortune your way and believing that your own God has sufficient power to do anything He sovereignly wishes to do.

Faith is _____ grounded in reality.

"Faith sees the reality of the unseen and is ready to act as if the anticipated good were already in hand because of the reality of God." ~ Dallas Willard

2. Take every prayer through the " _____ " filter test.

2 Kings 19:19 NIV: *"Now, LORD our God, deliver us from his hand, so that all the kingdoms on earth may know that you alone, LORD, are God."*

James 4:3 NIV: *"When you ask, you do not receive because you ask with wrong motives that you may spend what you get on your pleasures."*

2016 Churchwide Prayer Goals

Prayer Goal #1: To see a 20% increase in people taking intentional next steps in their apprenticeship journey **so that** we might actually learn to do what Jesus says to do, and so demonstrate to the world around us that Jesus is alive, that He truly brings life-changing freedom and healing, which results in real-time joy, peace and hope.

Prayer Goal #2: To see God provide miraculous provision for our land levies **so that** it would be obvious to many that He is leading us in this direction and that His favour is on us; **so that** we could accelerate our timeline to establishing a well-functioning, safe and inviting space for people in our community who need to hear how much God loves them.

Prayer Goal #3: To see a church plant launch team established **so that** the good news that the Kingdom of God is now available to everyone, could be expressed in a way that people who have misunderstood who Jesus really is and the life He has truly come to offer, could experience Him in a life-transforming way.

This Week's Challenge: Take your personal 2016 Prayer Goals through the 'So That' filter.