

## oEmmanuel Prayer List - November 5th

### Persecuted Church world-wide

- Pray that all Christian churches world-wide would unite and pray for persecuted Christians.
- Christians who are persecuted to have strength to persevere in their faith.
- Protection of families and communities under persecution.
- For God's Love to overcome fears that other religions have for Christianity.
- Pray for those who are persecuting Christians, God would reveal His love and forgiveness.
- Pray for nations to understand God's authority built on love and not fear-based control.

### Study Continued

8. Read again 1 Kings 18:43-44. Pastor Peter said that we should Pray expectantly, pray persistently and pray believing. Elijah didn't allow the negative reports of his servant to stop him praying. His prayer in verses 36-37 was answered immediately, this time, however, he had to persist in prayer. What does this teach us about our prayers?
9. Read Luke 18:1-8. Why do you think this passage ends up with the question, "when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on the earth?"
10. In verses 44-45. Elijah told Ahab to, "go, before the rain stops you," even though all he had seen was a small cloud rising in the distance. Elijah acted upon his prayers. When the sky started to grow dark, the Holy Spirit came upon Him, energised him, and he ran. We began this study with the statement that prayer is the key to living with expectation. What steps do you need to take in order to start, "living with expectation?"



*A County Christmas*  
A Hay Ride Christmas Experience  
(with live animals, Displays, Hot Chocolate & Cider)  
**December 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:00-8:30pm**

**EMMANUEL**  
Baptist Church  
Bloomfield

Lots of help needed: Construction & tear down, acting, welcoming, making goodies, kitchen, decorating & more - Please sign up at the welcome desk



### LIVING WITH EXPECTATION

Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place where He prayed.

Mark 1:35

"The moment you wake up each morning, all your wishes and hopes for the day rush at you like wild animals. And the first job each morning consists in shoving it all back; in listening to that other voice, taking that other point of view, letting that other, larger, stronger, quieter life coming flowing in."

C.S. Lewis

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## LIVING WITH EXPECTATION - 1 Kings 18:41-46

Expectation =

\_\_\_\_\_ is the key to living with expectation

### THE CALL TO PRAYER

Background:

18:21 \_\_\_\_\_ will you \_\_\_\_\_ between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow him; but if Baal is God, follow him.”

The purpose of the confrontation with the prophets of Baal:

Prayer is the call of God into an \_\_\_\_\_ relationship with God

### TRUST IN THE PROMISES OF GOD

v.41 Elijah: Go, eat and drink, for there is the sound of a heavy rain.  
Elijah said this to Ahab even though...

1. Make prayer part of your \_\_\_\_\_ life .

2. Acknowledge the \_\_\_\_\_ of God. (v.42)

3. Have a \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ for prayer  
Mark 1:35

4. Pray \_\_\_\_\_  
v.43 “\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ toward the sea,” he told his servant.

5. Pray \_\_\_\_\_  
v.43 ...Seven times Elijah said, “\_\_\_\_\_.”

6. Pray \_\_\_\_\_  
v.44 Even though there was just a small cloud in the distance, Elijah told Ahab to go before \_\_\_\_\_

1. Do you live life with expectation? Pastor Peter said that prayer was the key to living with expectation. Why?

2. Read 1 Kings 18:36-39. Elijah had been told by God that the 3 year drought was over, so go to King Ahab, and that He would send rain on the land (1 Kings 18:1). However, before the rain would come, there would be a confrontation on the top of Mount Carmel. From these verses, what was the purpose of this confrontation?

3. Read James 5:17-18. Pastor Peter said that prayer is the call of God into an interactive relationship with God. God is sovereign and has a plan and purpose to what He does. However, has chosen to use people as part of that plan. In what way is prayer used by God for His purposes?

4. Read 1 Kings 18:41-46. In verse 41, Elijah tells Ahab, “Go, eat and drink, for there is the sound of a heavy rain.” When Elijah said this there wasn’t even a cloud in the sky. So what was the sound that Elijah heard?

5. We need to make prayer part of our daily life. What are some of the ways we can ‘pray’ during the day?

6. In verse 42, when Elijah prayed, he bent down, humbling Himself before God. Read Matthew 6:9-13. The Lord’s prayer is a pattern for prayer. It begins with acknowledging who God is. Why is this so important?

7. It is good to have a time and place to pray. Elijah went to the top of Mount Carmel, a place where he had just won a great victory over evil. Read Mark 1:35. Why did Jesus pick this time of day to pray? Why did Jesus need to pray?

Read the C.S. Lewis quote on the front cover. What does this tell you about the need for a time and place for prayer?