

**Mar. 8 '09 Something to Say- 2 Chron. 7:1,14-15; Col. 4:2-6; Eph. 1:15-23**

Is it possible that many of us do not have a prayer life because we are fearful that we don't know how to pray? We just need to jump in and do it. We need to make it a priority. It is just talking with God, but remember it is a dialogue and requires that we listen as well as speak. As born again believers we are no longer in charge; we need to communicate with the one who is. It is time for our excuses to go. Prayer is about being in the presence of God. Church is about encountering God and being encountered by Him. We don't rush through our time here. We need to linger. Jesus put such a high priority on meeting with the Father that he drove out everyone from the temple who hindered the people from reaching that goal. If we leave here without having encountered God it is no one's fault but our own. It is not the fault of the worship; it is not the fault of the pastor. **Matt. 18:20**. It all has to do with expectation. He is here when we gather in His name. "*One should never initiate anything that he cannot saturate with prayer.*" -unknown Does Living Way Church have something to say? If what we have to share is not important enough to talk about with God first, then we have no right to say it to anyone else. We need to inquire of God as to when we should pick up a ministry, or lay one down, when we should speak and when we should be quiet. The biggest regret most of us will have will be the area of our prayer lives. If we are lacking anything it is because we have not prayed it through. Prayer is not a luxury but an essential. We understand real communication with people is hard work, Going to church is easy, worship is easy, prayer is the hard work; it's talking with God. **Matt. 16:18**- where is the church of Jesus Christ and where are the gates of hell? Do we camp at the gates of hell? Do we live our lives in a defence mode? The rock is our confession of Jesus Christ as Lord, we don't wait for the enemy to attack our homes, our marriages, etc. we take the offensive and go into his territory and push him back in Jesus name. **Matt. 11:12** the Kingdom of God advances by force, the force and violence of prayer. Do you want to see God's Kingdom come in your life? Pray! Want to see your family transformed? Pray! Do you want to see people in your life come to know Jesus? Pray! We are so full of excuses. What Living Way needs more than anything else is prayer and prayer warriors. It happens through knowing Jesus now. And we get to know Him best on our knees. We need to wear out our knees. God is calling us to himself now. Today is the day of salvation, the day of repentance. We call on the Lord for our desires; we need to call on Him for His agenda. If He has His way it will be awesome!!