



## **Prayer & Fasting: Pt. 2; Praying With Urgency & Faith**

Too often, prayer is not our first option when we are faced with a difficult situation. We try first to fix things ourselves, without getting God involved, without praying. What we should realize, is that we need to turn to God as a first resort - with faith that he can help us. He wants us to come to him with immediate, bold, and specific prayers.

**Bottom Line:** God delights in our urgent prayers of faith.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. Describe a time when you were persistence in a situation? What was the outcome?
2. What is your first response when you are faced with a difficult situation?
3. Do you find it difficult to pray? Why do you think people struggle with prayer?
4. Describe a time when you persistently prayed for something. What was the result? How did that impact your faith?
5. What connection is there between a person's faith and answered prayers?
6. **Read Mark 10:46-52.** What do the blind man's (Bartimaeus) actions tell you about his attitude toward Jesus? How did the blind man's actions reveal to Jesus that he had bold faith?
7. In verse 52, Jesus said that Bartimaeus' **faith** had saved him. What do you think Jesus meant by that?
8. What situation do you need to bring to God in bold, specific, & persistent prayer?
9. What has been the most helpful thought/idea from the message this week? How has that thought/idea helped you?
10. How can the group encourage you this week?