

The Value of a Prayer Partner

Matthew 18:1-22 It has been my privilege over my fifty-plus years as a Christian to always have a prayer partner. There are so many advantages in having a prayer partner. This passage in Matthew gives two very important reasons for us to pray with others. Jesus tells us, "Again I say unto you, that if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matt. 18:19-20, KJV).

Whenever we pray in agreement with another person, God promises to answer our requests, and He promises to be in the midst of us as we pray with two or more people. There is great power in agreement. For years I had my own quiet time and Tom had his. We only prayed together when there was an emergency. One Sunday morning during communion, the Lord spoke this to my heart: "The days ahead are going to be difficult. If you do not pray in agreement with your husband, you will not be able to get through these days. I want you to pray daily together first for your nation and leaders, then pray for yourselves, your family, your church and others."

We had been married for twenty-five years when I received that exhortation from the Lord. We have seen miracles happen over and over again as we have agreed together in prayer about the things listed above. We have seen our son delivered from drugs, three beautiful daughter-in-laws who love the Lord with all their hearts and who simply adore their husbands, deliverance from serious injury in a car accident, healing of a heart problem, just to name a few. If none of our requests had been answered, however, just experiencing the presence of the Lord as we prayed was gift enough to keep us praying in agreement together. God promised to hear every prayer request for others as we touched them through prayer and prayed for

their concerns.

One of the greatest joys of my life has been to meet with several neighborhood ladies to pray every Monday night. We have been meeting for more than seventeen years and have seen so many answers to prayers for our families, for one another and others. I look forward to going to church on Wednesday nights when our whole church meets to pray in agreement for those things that concern us. If the prayer of one righteous man avails much, just think about what the prayers of two or more righteous people will accomplish.