

March 2nd, 2019
Men's 7:40 Breakfast
Nathan Rychener on PRAYER

Our prayer life should have 4 parts:

- **Plead with God:** Only God can make us have a desire to pray.

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. II Corinthians 12:9

- **Recruit a plan:** We need a plan of prayer to stay steadfast.
 - You can utilize the 'prayer wheel' at Northwoods.church/faststart

Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. Colossians 3:2

- **Activate scripture:** Pray your name into verses of scripture that are meaningful to you

And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God. Philippians 1:9-11

- **Yield your life:** Prayer is a part of everything you do

Pray Continually. I Thessalonians 5:17

In the spring, at the time when kings go off to war, David sent Joab with the king's men and the whole Israelite army. They destroyed the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained in Jerusalem. II Samuel 11:1

- One bad decision led to many horrible things in David's life.
 - Many men today are not fighting the spiritual fight we are called to lead.
 - This is spring time when we should go to war but we aren't accepting the fight and claiming victory through prayer.
 - There is a connection between our prayer life and our level of victory of the battles we are to face.
- We can't continue to give to others if we aren't prayed up. If you feel drained from people, pray!
 - Jesus got up early to pray
 - Jesus withdrew to pray
 - A man of God = a man of prayer
- Don't lose sight and do everything else BUT pray.
 - What if we turned to God as much as we turned to our phones?
 - We would never be disconnected with Him.
- Will you go to battle? Because we are already at war!

CHALLENGE: What is your plan for prayer? What has worked for you? What hasn't worked?