



# Prayer That Works

Grace Growth Group

# Small Group Plan

Welcome! So glad you are  
here!

About this course:

- Duration: 8 weeks--commitment is key!
- Topic: Biblical Guidance for “Prayer That Works”
- Where: ?
- When: ?
- Format: Fellowship, Study, Discussion, and Prayer
- Follow-through: Application Steps

# Study Plan

## Prayer That Works

- **Opening thoughts**
- Why pray?
- What is prayer?
- When should we prayer?
- Where should we pray?
- How should we pray?
- What are the keys to effective prayer?
- How can we pray for an hour?

# Opening Thoughts

Prayer  
That Works

# How some treat prayer

Some people treat prayer like...

- spare tire



# How some treat prayer

Prayer is either your spare tire or  
your steering wheel...

# How some treat prayer

Some people treat prayer like...

- spare tire
- toothbrush



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# How some treat prayer

Some people treat prayer like...

- spare tire
- toothbrush
- light switch
- rabbit's foot

# How some treat prayer

The wrong **perspective** of prayer leads to the wrong **practice** of prayer.

# How do we treat prayer?

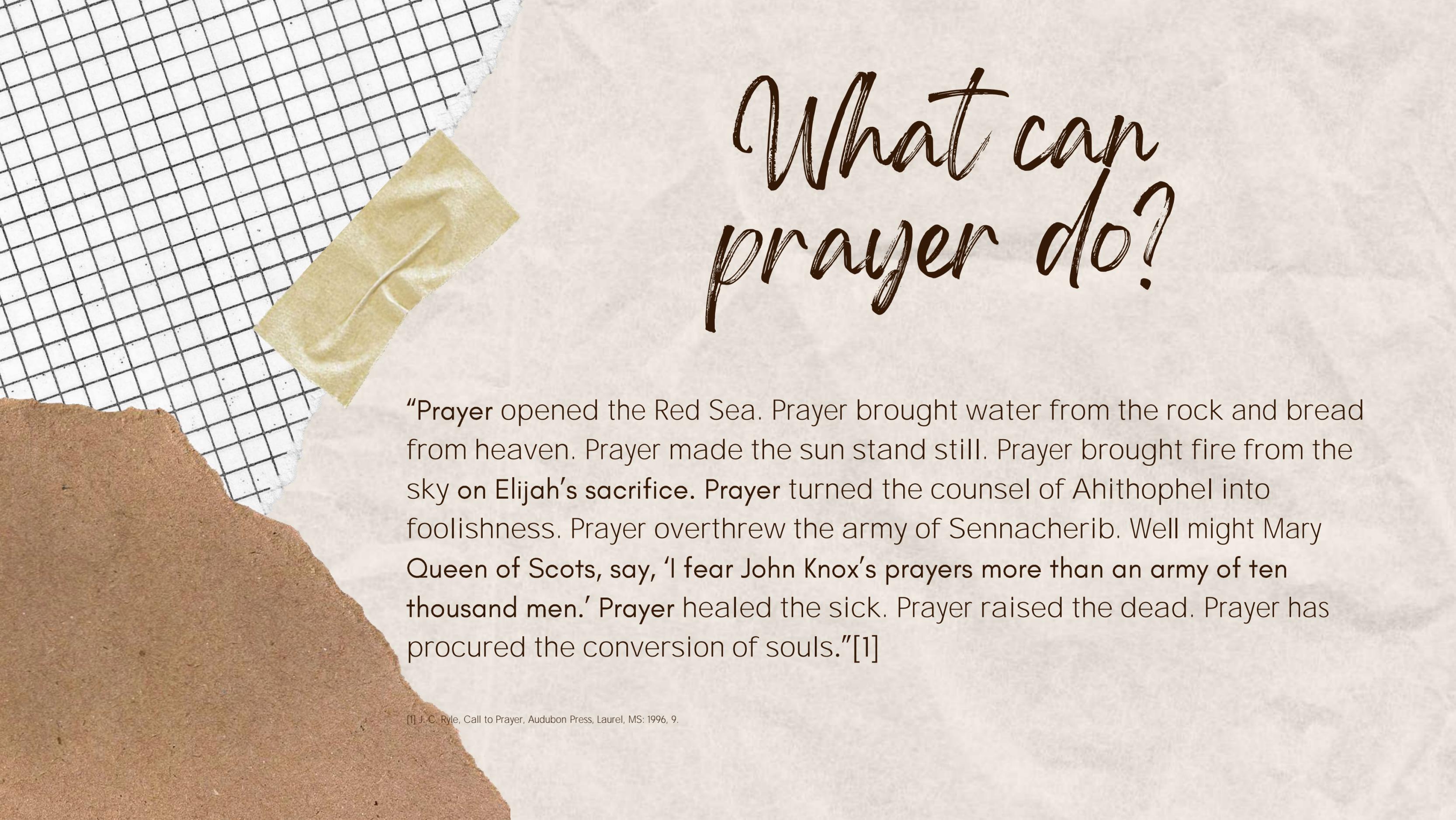
Commenting on the poor and even senseless prayers of others Christians, Dr. Lehman Strauss observed, **“It must be a frustrating experience** for God to listen in millions of prayers that say nothing, ask for nothing, and expect **nothing.”** [1]

[1] Strauss, Lehman. 1974. Sense and Nonsense about Prayer, 14.

*How do we treat prayer?*

This kind of prayer is powerless.

What can  
prayer do?



# What can prayer do?

“Prayer opened the Red Sea. Prayer brought water from the rock and bread from heaven. Prayer made the sun stand still. Prayer brought fire from the sky on Elijah’s sacrifice. Prayer turned the counsel of Ahithophel into foolishness. Prayer overthrew the army of Sennacherib. Well might Mary Queen of Scots, say, ‘I fear John Knox’s prayers more than an army of ten thousand men.’ Prayer healed the sick. Prayer raised the dead. Prayer has procured the conversion of souls.”[1]

[1] J. C. Ryle, Call to Prayer, Audubon Press, Laurel, MS: 1996, 9.

Lets Talk

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- What do you know about prayer?
- What are you looking forward to learning about prayer?
- What would you like to learn about prayer?
- As we study prayer, let's journal what we learn, how our prayer life changes, and what prayers we see answered. Then, at the end of the study, we can share with others, "What God hath wrought!" (Num. 23:23).

Lets Pray

# Lets Pray

## Conversational Prayer:

- What is CP?: praying conversationally and empathetically in turns as led by the Spirit with love, righteousness, and unity in a sincere, open manner. [1]
- Start with thanksgiving.
- Pray one request one at a time.
- Empathise with each other in prayer.

[1] Rosalind Goforth