<u>Series</u>: YAFI 2024 <u>Title</u>: The Necessity of Prayer <u>Text</u>: (James 5:16-19)

Prayer is Crucial to the Christian life The most powerful thing in the universe You enter the very Thrown Room (James 4:2) "Ye Have not b/c ye ask not"God wants us to talk to him about everything: (Phil 4:4:6)

4 keys to prayer

I. <u>Pray</u>: (James 5:17) "<u>Elias...prayed</u>" A. "Pray" Don't be lazy. (Matt 7:7) "Ask, & it shall be given you;"

B. "Prayer Specifically": Don't be Hazy: (James 5:17)

 <u>Do you have a prayer list</u>? (Luke 11:9-13) For your Spouse, specifically? For your Kids specifically? For your Grand kids specifically? For your church?

II. "Pray Earnestly": Don't be Crazy: (James 5:17) A. Fervently: (James 5:16) "*fervent*" B. Avail:~ (James 5:16) "*availeth*" C. Pray in Faith faith? (Matt 21:22)(1 Jn 3:22)(1 Jn 5:14-15) 1. Prayer is how all this all got started. (Rom 10:13) 2. Have you been Fervent in Prayer? (Isaiah 44:3)

III. <u>Pray Righteously</u>: (James 5:16) "righteous man"
A. Sin blocks our prayers: (Isaiah 59:1-2)
B. God wants you CLEAN: (1 John 1:9)

C. You can be Clean. (Psalm 32:5) (Prov 28:13) D. We'll never be cleaner than we purpose:(2 Chr 16:9) E. Get Clean! (Ps 139:23-24)

IV. <u>I Got to Persistent in Pray</u>: Expect the Doozy

- A. Praying in Faith Pleases God. (Heb 11:6)
- B. Elijah Prays 1 prayer: No Rain for 3 yrs. (1 Ki 17:1)
- C. Explain the Scene: (1 Ki 18:17-40)
- **D.** Now it is time to turn the water back on. (Vs 42-44) Elijah had to pray 7 times to get God to answer Elijah persisted in prayer. This was a DOOZY.

Todays outcome is based on your Last weeks prayers. Your kids tomorrow is based on your Today's Prayers.

What is their tomorrow going to be? What is it you want Gods to DO? For your Spouse? For your Kids? For yourself? For your church? For your Family when you visit this holiday?

What do you want God to do for you?

Don't be Lazy, Hazy, Crazy in your Prayers Pray Pray Specifically Pray Fervently, believing His Promises Pray Clean, Pray Persistently