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Teaching Title: Prayer in the Cave—Revelation Driven Prayer Model

- I. What God Wants
 - a. The path to 100% effective prayer is through the perfect will of God.
 - i. First, we must be absolutely, completely convinced that the Word of God is true.
 1. God's will is revealed cover to cover.
 2. Our prayer would be radically different if we stopped asking for what was already established in Scripture.
 3. When we believe the Word and understand the conditions connected to his promises, everything shifts.
 - a. God is radically opposed to sickness. (Mat 9:28-30, according to your faith be it done to you, and their eyes were opened.)
 - b. God supplies our needs. (Prov 11:24, one gives freely yet grows all the richer)
 - c. God gives us the desires of our heart. (Ps 37, Delight in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart.)
 - d. Poverty is not our portion. (Ps 112, wealth and riches will be in the house of the one who fears the Lord)
 - e. God gives us wisdom, peace, joy, strength (James 1, ask without doubting, John 15:10, keep his commandments)
 4. Now, we don't pray about this stuff, we go to war!
 - a. Our entire lives would be different if we:
 - i. Believed the Word of God
 - ii. Met the conditions of the promises
 - iii. Warred against the accuser, devourer and thief!
 - ii. When we are addicted to petition, or have petitionitis, we barrage heaven with our desires and our will.
 - iii. But when we surrender and trust and yearn for God's will to be made known, our lives dramatically shift.
 1. "Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths." (Proverbs 3:5-6, ESV)
 2. "For I know the plans I have for you..." (Jeremiah 29:11, ESV)
 - a. It's these plans that we want to pound heaven to discover.
 - b. This is why praying in tongues is so critical.
 - i. "Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit

himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.” (Romans 8:26–28, ESV)

- ii. When we are addicted to petition, we are praying the problem.
 - iii. When we pray in the Spirit, we are praying the solution.
- 3. “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.” (Isaiah 55:8–9, ESV)
 - a. When we get this revelation, our entire spiritual life transforms.
 - b. His thoughts are higher than our thoughts.
 - i. When we pray without revelation, we are limited to praying our thoughts.
- 4. Even Jesus modeled this:
 - a. “And he withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, and knelt down and prayed, saying, “Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done.”” (Luke 22:41–42, ESV)
- 5. It’s in the Lord’s Prayer:
 - a. Your will be done... (Matthew 6:9-10)
- 6. “The heart of man plans his way, but the LORD establishes his steps.” (Proverbs 16:9, ESV)
- b. Revelation Driven Prayer requires a lifestyle of radical pursuit, deep and growing intimacy with Jesus and Holy Spirit-fueled intercession.
 - i. When we are surrendered at that level, we will discover the depths and mysteries of God’s heart.
 - 1. We will be overwhelmed with his presence and we will become excited about his plans.
 - 2. It’s in this realm where supernatural faith is developed.
- II. The Revelation Driven Prayer Model
 - a. We need to understand that “blind prayers” aren’t unbiblical, but they lack divine efficiency and spiritual authority.
 - i. This prayer model will help us shift from seeking God’s blessing on our plans to us blessing God’s plans.

- ii. Four distinct seasons or phases make up the Revelation Driven Prayer Model.
 - 1. Elimination
 - 2. Consecration
 - 3. Revelation
 - 4. Execution
- iii. These seasons were what we followed during our 4-5 hour prayer sessions called “prayer in the cave.”
 - 1. We were in an actual cave, in perfect darkness, as we rent our hearts and cried out for God to move.
- b. Step One: Elimination
 - i. Deep repentance, weeping and casting down every internal hinderance
 - 1. “if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land. Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayer that is made in this place.” (2 Chronicles 7:14–15, ESV)
 - ii. We’d spend an hour or more in this season, audibly crying out in repentance.
 - 1. “When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears and delivers them out of all their troubles. The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.” (Psalm 34:17–18, ESV)
 - iii. Until we make room for the Holy Spirit to move freely, we can’t expect to experience 100% effective prayer.
 - 1. Repentance is a powerful and critical first step no matter how long we’ve known the Lord.
 - 2. If we are carrying our own burdens and fleshly desires, we cannot carry the weight of God’s impartation.
- c. Step Two: Consecration
 - i. Our cry shifts from repentance to a desperate desire to be consumed.
 - ii. In the cave, emotional, passionate worship echoed off the stone walls throughout the darkness.
 - 1. Our desire for our flesh to be warmed by the fire gives way to a passion to be engulfed by the fire.
 - 2. The level of surrender is extreme as we relinquish ownership of our lives, our ministries, our future and our desires.
 - a. Every part of us yearns to worship God in holiness.
 - i. Adoration, raw worship and desperation for an intimate encounter with the Holy Spirit overwhelm this season of prayer.

- ii. The baptism of the Holy Spirit, or a fresh infilling, overtake those who are serious at this point.
 - 1. Note: It's not uncommon for some people in the cave to be extremely uncomfortable, resistant and ready to leave. The intense call of God is well beyond what they are willing to allow in their lives.
 - 2. *Story: Young lady who was ready to run but was set free from a spirit of fear, specifically of darkness.*
- iii. When these first two seasons are complete, the hungry and willing are operating in a supernatural realm that many of them have never experienced before.
 - 1. Revival is a movement of the willing.
 - a. Those who aren't willing to allow God access and ownership at this level will be obstacles instead of vessels for God's glory.
 - b. Their very salvation is suspect.
 - c. This is not a minor issue.
- d. Step Three: Revelation
 - i. Throughout the cave, one by one, people reveal what they are seeing spiritually.
 - 1. The prophetic atmosphere is extreme as a newly surrendered, consecrated and intimately connected people to God's heart have emerged.
 - 2. What is on God's heart in that moment becomes clear as the people prophesy.
 - 3. Often, God will tell us not to pray for anything until we know what his agenda is.
 - a. Even good things need to be tabled as we seek out the deeper mysteries, the thoughts of God that are well beyond our own thoughts.
 - b. It's at this point where we receive spiritual data from the invisible realm: words of knowledge, scriptures, impressions, visions, etc.
- e. Step Four: Execution
 - i. This is where the power and miracles occur.
 - 1. The strategy of intimacy with Jesus is manifest at this point.
 - a. "If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you." (John 15:7, ESV)



- b. When we abide, we discover God's heart and come into agreement with what he wants.
 - i. His prayer becomes our prayer.
 - 2. Now, our prayer easily shifts from tiring petition to authoritative execution.
 - a. We decree, declare, command and assault the kingdom of darkness based on the precise revelation of God.
 - b. Revelation Driven Prayer results in bold faith, strongholds breaking and miracles becoming standard.
 - III. Devin's Transformation in the Cave
 - a. *Story: Miraculous revelation came through a desperate heart.*