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Hell-Shaking Prayer

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When Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer, they passed a gate where a beggar was asking for alms. They did not have money, but they knew the power of prayer that Jesus showed them. They did not hesitate to pray for the man remembering what Jesus said, that they can bring sick people and that they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will be made well (Mark 16:18).

“Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the Name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.” (Acts 3:6)

A Powerful Prayer: The disciples all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers (Acts 1:14) and they received the Holy Spirit. The Lord's promise came to pass that the **Holy Spirit** will be poured out on everyone and that there will be many signs and wonders (Joel 2:28-31).

- When Peter and John received the Holy Spirit, they became very enthusiastic about praying. Unlike before they received the Holy Spirit, they were found sleeping instead of praying.
- The Holy Spirit will teach us the right way to pray and give us the passion to pray (Romans 8:26-27).
- The Holy Spirit is teaching us, be alert and sensitive - we have the power to cast out demons in Jesus' name.
- Before praying, you need to ask the Holy Spirit to provide the right words to say when you pray for a certain situation.

The power of praise at midnight:

About midnight, Paul and Silas were still praying and singing hymns to God as the prisoners listened (Acts 16).

If your problem reaches midnight, do not be afraid, God is not bound by time and distance. He is the God of the impossible.

God inhabits the praise of His people (Psalms 22:3)

When you have trials, instead of worrying, you better start praising God. When we praise, we focus on who God is, when we do not praise, we focus on the problem.

Make it a habit to pray, even at midnight, God can still answer.

Anyone can be used by God to deliver His people, even outcasts:

- When Elisha prayed, famine was answered through the four lepers (2 Kings 7).
- Keep praying, God is doing something behind the scene.
- Pray for one another, pray for kings (1 Tim 2:1-2).
- God is powerfully using us to answer someone's prayer.
- When you pray, sometimes God is already doing something in advance.

When we pray, stop doubting. The prayer of a righteous person avails much (James 5:16), make sure our connection is not unplugged. Make sure nothing hinders the flow of our prayers to God.

Peter was not afraid because he was filled with the Holy Spirit. Even when they were threatened, they continued preaching.

When you are questioned, do not be afraid of what to say, the words you speak will come from the Spirit of your Father (Matthew 10-19-20).

Let us be devoted to praying, expecting that the answer is coming. Prioritize prayers! Keep a strong prayer life!

Pray! It shakes the gates of hell.

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