

Built Different

Discussion Guide “Praying in Faith” Pastor Daniel Floyd

Starter Think about a habit you’re trying to start this year—exercising more, eating better, reading your Bible, praying, etc. What’s making it easier or more difficult to stick with it?

Sermon Summary

This message launches a new series on building life-changing spiritual habits by focusing on the discipline of *praying in faith*. When our faith and prayer life are grounded in God’s Word and strengthened through perseverance, God releases His supernatural power into our everyday lives.

ACT

As you absorb sermons, read, or participate in group discussion, take notes and make a plan to apply what God’s teaching you.

A (Action): Mark important ideas with an “A” to remind you to take action.

C (Contemplate): Use a “C” to mark ideas you want to process further.

T (Transfer/Teach): If it’s something you need to teach to someone else, note it with a “T.”

Read

What do these Scriptures teach you about God’s character? (Read some or all verses together.)

1 Timothy 4:7–8	Philippians 4:6–7	Hebrews 11:6	Romans 10:17
Matthew 28:20	Romans 8:28	1 Kings 18:41–46	Proverbs 3:5–6
2 Corinthians 12:9	Matthew 19:26	Luke 18:27	Psalms 5:3
Acts 6:4	Luke 11:1–2	Matthew 17:20–21	Mark 1:35
2 Corinthians 5:17	Romans 10:9		

Discuss

Choose questions to keep the discussion moving. There’s no need to discuss every question.

1. What stood out to you most about the idea of “praying in faith” rather than simply praying routinely or out of habit?

2. Which of the three foundations—God’s Word, perseverance, or trusting God for the supernatural—do you find most challenging in your prayer life, and why?
3. Can you think of a time when God answered a prayer slowly or differently than you expected? What did that season teach you or produce in you?
4. What “cue” in your life (stress, fear, conflict, uncertainty, etc.) could become a trigger to pray instead of worry, and what might that look like practically?
5. What is one change you sense God inviting you to make in how, when, or why you pray?

Go Deeper

1. Study Luke 18:1–8 (the parable of the persistent widow). What is Jesus teaching His disciples about perseverance and delayed answers?
2. Study John 15:7. How does abiding in God invite us into a deeper intimacy with Christ? How can abiding in God shape our prayers and align our desires with His will?

Apply

1. Turn your anxiety into a prayer cue. Each time you notice yourself feeling anxious, overwhelmed, or stressed, pause and intentionally pray. Instead of spiraling or worrying, try a short, Scripture-based prayer like, “*God, You promised to give me peace. I’m trusting You with this right now.*” Over time, this retrains your instinct to worry so prayer becomes your first response, not your last resort.
2. Create a consistent prayer rhythm with a place and a plan. Choose a specific time and place each day to pray, using a simple structure like the Lord’s Prayer or a short list of Scriptures and requests to guide you. You can also find a prayer guide with a list of several different prayers at gatewaypeople.com/prayer-and-fasting under the “Resources” section. This moves prayer from something you fit into your day to a habit that shapes how you live and respond all day.

Pray

Here are some prayer points:

1. Pray for a deeper life of faith, not just routine.
2. Pray for perseverance in prayer.
3. Pray for God’s supernatural work in difficult situations.

Leadership Tip

Create a safe, faith-filled environment before you try to create deep discussion. Start by modeling honesty, humility, and expectation. Share briefly from your own life how you’re learning to pray in faith; then invite others in without pressure. When people feel safe and not judged, they’re far more willing to open up, discuss the Word, and grow spiritually together.