

Prayer Breeds Hope

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I've spoken with a handful of people over the past several days and although each one is going through their own course of life with its many obstacles, the one thing that we've all been able to agree on is that prayer gives us hope.

Where else can you get hope?

- Encouragement from others
- Worshipping the Lord
- Laughter

These are a few things that come to mind when I think about needing hope. If we don't have hope than we can very easily slip into a doom filled way of thinking. Even though it's true that Jesus reminded us constantly that we are not of this world, what does it matter what the government asks for – give them what's theirs and give God what's Gods.

Jesus reminded us that anything He did was to glorify the Father. So if we are hoping in God that is a very good start because when Jesus was down and out, when He was struggling for hope, when He was dying in front of everyone in the city, He STILL hoped in God.

I believe that when Jesus was praying prior to His death (**John 18**) that it gave Him the hope He needed to know that what He was doing was right.

It also gave Him peace and power.

When the soldiers came to take Him, Jesus asked who they were looking for and they said "Jesus the Nazarene" and Jesus said "I Am He" and the Bible says they *drew back and fell to the ground*.

(**Luke 22 & John 18**)As well, when the soldiers went to seize Jesus, Peter stood up and sliced one of their ears off! Jesus was in a place of peace to tell him immediately to put the sword away as well He was in a place of power from PRAYER, and He touched the soldiers ear and healed him instantly.

Friends, there is a song that says "touching heaven, changing earth" – in my experience, things shift and start changing when prayer becomes a priority because it gets our attention off of ourselves and when we are out of the way, God can sweep in and give us hope and power to move in ways we never could on our own.

Blessings!

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