

Responding to God

Praying “glorify me so I can glorify You”?

Elders ~ Brian: “take the brakes off. move”
Dean: “step out”, without necessarily knowing outcome
Keith: “faith”, risk regardless of outcome
Gary: prayer vigil
Tony: topic – walk in Spirit/led by Spirit
MyHOP ~ “it’s time”

not a Guarantee, an **Opportunity**

Response – the ball is in our court

ex: HS football conditioning – we must “step it up”

Reason every move of God is preceded by prayer (worship)
faithfulness precedes trust (Lk 16:11)
walking in the Spirit requires training in intimacy (Lk 9:54-55)

Mandate: where we must “step it up” if we want a move of God

Personal Intimacy – internal/heart

Corporate Warfare – atmosphere/heavens (heaven to earth)

worship at end of service (be on time)

God’s Vision: Corporate Anointing vs individual (Num 11:29)

(Ac 2:4) ⁴And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit...

ex: 1st youth retreat

(Ac 2:17-18) ¹⁷And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, that I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions, your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; and they shall prophesy.

all generations, genders, social status (Peter standing with the 11)

Process: doing this God's way (appropriate response)

(Lk 11:5-8 NIV) ⁵Then Jesus said to them, "Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.' ⁷And suppose the one inside answers, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.' ⁸I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity^(a) he will surely get up and give you as much as you need

Boldness

(Lk 18:1-8) ¹Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart, ²saying: "There was in a certain city a judge who did not fear God nor regard man. ³"Now there was a widow in that city; and she came to him, saying, 'Get justice for me from my adversary.' ⁴"And he would not for a while; but afterward he said within himself, 'Though I do not fear God nor regard man, ⁵'yet because this widow troubles me I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.'" ⁶Then the Lord said, "Hear what the unjust judge said. ⁷"And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them? ⁸"I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?"

Persistence – Faith is more about persistence than the moment

He is bearing with us (Response)

(Lk 11:9-10) ⁹"So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰"For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

Determination – Persistent because we have faith that everyone receives
not random, just matter of time and effort

ex: Laura singles camping

not guaranteeing specifics, but response (ex: back pain - right attitude)

we're after corporate response - move of God