

Be Still and Know

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Worship Team..... Who You Say I Am

Welcome

Worship Team..... See A Victory
You Cannot Be Stopped

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Be Still And Know (Week 2)

Offering/Dismissal

Don't Pray So Much!

Key Verse: *Trust in Him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us. Psalm 62:8 (NASB)*

Don't pray so much unless you are willing to live by faith.

Now Jericho was tightly shut because of the sons of Israel; no one went out and no one came in. And the Lord said to Joshua, "See, I have given Jericho into your hand, with its king and the valiant warriors."

Joshua 6:1-2 (NASB)

What faith does:

Don't pray so much unless you are willing to transfer your possessions to God.

The city shall be under the ban, it and all that is in it belongs to the LORD; only Rahab the harlot and all who are with her in the house shall live, because she hid the messengers whom we sent. But as for you, only keep yourselves from the things under the ban, so that you do not covet them and take some of the things under the ban, and make the camp of Israel accursed and bring trouble on it. Joshua 6:17-18 (NASB)

Achan's sticky fingers:

But the sons of Israel acted unfaithfully in regard to the things under the ban, for Achan... took some of the things under the ban, therefore the anger of the Lord burned against the sons of Israel. Joshua 7:1 (NASB)

The nature of our mistakes:

“Stand up! What are you doing down on your face? Israel has sinned, they have violated my covenant... They have taken some of the devoted things; they have stolen, they have lied, they have put them with their own possessions.” Joshua 7:10-11 (NIV)

Achan’s honesty:

Achan replied, “It is true! I have sinned against the Lord, the God of Israel. This is what I have done: When I saw in the plunder a beautiful robe from Babylonia, two hundred shekels of silver and a wedge of gold weighing fifty shekels, I coveted them and I took them.”

Joshua 7:20-21 (NIV)

For that which I am doing, I do not understand; for I am not practicing what I would like to do, but I am doing the very thing I hate... no longer am I the one doing it, but sin which dwells in me. Rom. 7:15, 17 (NASB)

Don’t pray so much unless God leads and you follow.

What prayer does:

Now he was telling them a parable to show that at all times they ought to pray and not to lose heart. Luke 18:1 (NASB)

“Keep watching and praying, that you may not enter into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.” Matthew 26:41 (NASB)

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people- for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.

I Timothy 2:1-2 (NIV)

Going deeper on your own: Have you prayed in the past and then wondered why no answer seemed to come, and you were left in limbo? Read the story of Achan in Joshua 6-7 again and ask God to reveal a new truth about prayer in your life and your willingness to obey God and His Word simultaneously as you pray. What secret tendencies or sinful habits do we cling to which tempt us to have one foot in the world and one foot in the kingdom? How much action should I take, and how many prayers should I offer? And in what order? And then claim the promise in Psalm 62:8!