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Acts: 4:11v

He is "the stone you builders rejected, which has become the capstone."

TRAINING MANUAL OF INTERCESSION

WE ARE CALLED TO INTERCEDE FOR OTHERS

Isaiah: 59:16v

16v and he saw that there was no man, and wondered that there **was no intercessor**; therefore, his arm brought salvation unto him; and his righteousness, it sustained him.

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Introduction

Knowing that prayer is communication between God and man, it is one thing in our Christian life one cannot undermine. Know also God created us to be in a relationship with Him, and that can only be done through communication and that is prayer. That's why God instructed us to say << pray without ceasing >> according to Apostle Paul recommending Christians in Thessalonica saying in **1 Thessalonians: 5:17v** pray continually; Apostle Paul writing to the Christians in Thessalonica asking them to not stop praying. It is more an order than a simple sentence; even in the gospel of Luke, they use the same form of speaking. Our Lord Jesus is asking the disciple to not stop praying according to **Luke: 18:1v** Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up.

N.B: it is in prayer we get power from God to do all that he needs us to do

Going back to the Old Testament we can see God Himself emphasizing it by saying << wondered that there was no intercessor: >> in the book of prophet **Isaiah: 59:16v** and he saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor: therefore, his arm brought salvation unto him; and his righteousness, it sustained him. Seeing these two verses we can understand that prayer is not just a simple thing in the life of Christians, but it is very important because it is the only way that God established for us to be in communication with Him.

That's why he presents it to us as

- ✓ Prayer as an order
- ✓ Pray to keep our fellowship with Him
- ✓ Interceding for others
- ✓ Pray for doing is work

That's why He sent his disciples to Jerusalem to go and wait in prayer up to the time the Holy Spirit will come over them so that they should receive the power. According to **Acts: 1:4v** on one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. It is through prayer we receive the power to serve God, we can see this example from our Lord Jesus and Moses before they started their assignments they went go into prayer.

N.B: in all generations, God used men and women of prayer

1. Our Lord Jesus

- **Matthew: 4:1v** Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. 2v after fasting for forty days and forty nights, he was hungry.

2. Moses

- **Exodus: 24:18v** Then Moses entered the cloud as he went on up the mountain. And he stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

That is showing us that all the men and women God used from the Old Testament to the New Testament were man and women of prayer and this is what has made them finish with Him and finish strong. We must understand that without prayer it is very difficult to have Victorious Christian life day by day because our Christian journey here on earth is made with many challenges that we can only overcome through our daily prayer.

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N.B: your yesterday prayer is what is maintaining you today; your today prayer is what will maintain you tomorrow

It is only way we can keep our spiritual strength as Christians up to everyone who serves God, which was the strategy of Moses in walking with God. Every time he finished doing an assignment he used to pray to God before the Lord reported and gave new instructions to continue. What many of us don't do in our day. We can see him and our Lord Jesus going in prayer all the time.

Walking with God.

Our Lord Jesus Christ

- **Mark: 1:35v** Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house, and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.

Moses

- **Exodus: 17:10v** So Joshua did as Moses had said to him, and fought with Amalek: and Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. **11v** and it came to pass, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed: and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed. **12v** But Moses' hands were heavy; and they took a stone, and put it under him, and he sat thereon; and Aaron and Hur stayed up his hands, the one on the one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun.

The same as intercessors we are called to raise our hands up for our nations, churches and families so that they can get victory over every challenge they are going through in different aspects of life. It is when we will be fulfilling our mission as intercessors.

Knowing the importance of intercession, that is why our Lord Jesus-Christ, is saying to his disciple Peter you couldn't even pray for an hour with Me. according to **Matthew: 26:40v** Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Could you men not keep watch with me for one hour?" he asked Peter. **41v** "Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak." our Lord Jesus sent us to be the watch man and women. We should be praying all the time and every day for our life here on earth. That's why we must wake-up from our spiritual sleepiness like Apostle Paul is saying in Romans << the time has come for you to wake up from your sleep. >> according to **Romans: 13:11v** you must do this, because you know that the time has come for you to wake up from your sleep. For the moment when we will be saved is closer now than it was when we first believed. So that He can use you and me to be the ones who will accomplish his plan here on earth before He comes back to take his church.

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