

**AfterThoughts**  
**August 21, 2022**  
To Be Found Faithful As God's People  
*Prayer Is Our Priority*  
**John 15:5**

This week, Pastor David continued the series entitled "To Be Found Faithful As God's People." Today, we looked at Dawson's second Theological Vision Statement: **Prayer Is Our Priority.**

1. **The Priority Of A Praying Church**
2. **The Characteristics Of A Praying Church: Dependency and Consistency**

**Going Deeper:**

- Prayer is the deepest cry of the human heart. Describe your personal prayer practice. What is most challenging about your practice? What is most rewarding?
- While we pray privately and individually, Pastor David pointed out that Jesus' model prayer is a communal prayer—not "me/I" but "we/us." How do you experience the priority of prayer as you participate in Dawson groups and/or activities? Explain.
- Prayerlessness is always a sign of our pride and arrogance. How are you rationalizing/softening your prayerlessness? In what areas of your life are you saying "let me do it" in my own strength to God?
- If prayer is not a priority in your life now, what is one thing you can do this week to grow your faithfulness in prayer?

**Additional Information:**

**Genesis 4:26**  
**Acts 1:14**  
**Acts 2:42**  
**Matthew 6:9–13**

*"We gather in an assembly ... and, as if we had formed a military unit, we force our way up to God by prayer. This power is pleasing to God." ~ Tertullian*

*"...the empty hand of the soul which looks for all from God." ~ Thomas Manton*

May the LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. ~  
Numbers 6:24–26

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