



Part 6: It's Your Turn to Pray

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CONVERSATION GUIDE



SMALL GROUPS

Throughout our journey in *"Because You Prayed"*, we have learned to ask boldly, bring our pain to God, surrender our will, depend on Him in spiritual battles, and persevere in prayer. As we close this series, the invitation becomes personal: it's our turn to pray. We can approach God and bring Him bold requests that express our trust in who He is and what He can do.

In **1 Chronicles 4:9-10**, Jabez appears briefly in the middle of a genealogy, but his prayer reveals a deep dependence on God. He asks for blessing, growth, the presence of God's hand, and protection from harm, and God grants his request. His prayer is not a formula that guarantees results; it is an example that encourages us to ask in faith, seek God's presence, and entrust His answer to His wisdom and will.

There was a man named Jabez who was more honorable than any of his brothers. His mother named him Jabez because his birth had been so painful. He was the one who prayed to the God of Israel, "Oh, that you would bless me and expand my territory! Please be with me in all that I do, and keep me from all trouble and pain!" And God granted him his request.

1 Chronicles 4:9-10 (NLT)



LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

1. What stands out to you most about what Jabez dared to ask God for or the way he prayed?
2. **James 5:16-18** presents Elijah as an ordinary person whose prayer had powerful results. How does his example encourage you when you feel too small or limited to ask for something big?

3. What fear, past experience, or doubt might be limiting your prayers? What would need to change in the way you see God for you to dare to pray with greater confidence?

Pray bold prayers that only God can answer.

MAKE IT PRACTICAL

This week, activate your armor:

1. **Ask — Don't let your past silence you.** Identify a request you have stopped bringing to God because of shame, guilt, or past experiences. Write it down and bring it to God each day this week.
2. **Ask big — Not for more things, but for more of God.** Choose an area that is beyond your own abilities. Ask God to move and, as you wait, to deepen your dependence on Him.
3. **Anchor your prayer in His hand — Don't want the gift without the Giver.** Before bringing your requests to God, seek Him for who He is. Make His presence your priority, not just the answer you are hoping for.
4. **Hold on to God's Word — "But You said."** Choose a biblical truth or promise related to what you are asking for. Read it daily and allow it to guide the way you pray.

PRAYER

"Father, thank You for inviting us to draw near to You and for listening when we pray. Thank You that Your Word teaches us to ask with confidence and depend on Your hand. Give us the courage to pray bold prayers and the humility to trust Your wisdom in how You answer. This week, help us seek You first, hold on to Your Word, and keep praying in faith. Amen."

TIPS

- **Those who pray boldly do not try to control God:** they ask clearly, seek His presence, and leave the outcome in His hands.
- **Don't measure this week by how many visible answers you receive.** Keep approaching God with confidence and allow perseverance to strengthen your faith.
- **Small prayers move the heart of an extraordinary God.** You just need to dare to pray, because on the other side is a great and good God who listens.



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