

Prayer and Fasting for Life and Awakening Week #3

WEEK 3: PRAYER—THE BIG SHIFT—FROM ACTIVISM TO RECEPTIVISM.

GREETINGS

CONSECRATION

THE SONG: TURN YOUR EYES UPON JESUS.

RECAP

Abbot Lot came to Abbot Joseph and said: "Father, to the limit of my ability, I keep my little rule, my little fast, my prayer, meditation and contemplative silence; and to the limit of my ability, I work to cleanse my heart of thoughts; what more should I do?" The elder rose up in reply, and stretched out his hands to heaven, and his fingers became like ten lamps of fire. He said: "Why not be completely changed into fire?"

BREAKING FREE FROM DOMESTICATED DISCIPLESHIP INTO APOSTOLIC AGENCY.

The New Testament was not written a context of discipleship as the accumulation of information. It was written into a context of impartation and imitation—which is to say agency.

See what I see. Say what I say. Hear what I hear. Pray how I pray.

Are you waking up to your status as an authenticated agent of Jesus Messiah? Are you walking and working daily in the authority of the risen and ascended Son of God?

ENTER FASTING

FASTING IS NOT ABOUT GETTING GOD TO DO SOMETHING. IT IS ABOUT GOD MOVING IN US, HIS AGENTS, TO DO MANY THINGS.

ENTER PRAYER

Acts 3

One day Peter and John were going up to the temple **at the time of prayer**—at three in the afternoon. 2 Now a man who was lame from birth was being carried to

the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts. 3 When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. 4 Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, "Look at us!" 5 So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them.

6 Then Peter said, "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk." 7 Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man's feet and ankles became strong. 8 He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God. 9 When all the people saw him walking and praising God, 10 they recognized him as the same man who used to sit begging at the temple gate called Beautiful, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

Is Prayer human activity seeking divine receptivity? OR IS prayer divine activity seeking human receptivity?

Luke 11

5 Then 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; 6 a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.' 7 And 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.' 8 I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need.

9 "So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. 10 For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

11 "Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? 12 Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? 13 If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Luke 18

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. 2 He said: "In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. 3 And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, 'Grant me justice against my adversary.'

4 "For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, 'Even though I don't fear God or care what people think, 5 yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually come and attack me!'"

6 And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. 7 And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? 8 I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?"