

HARVEST COMMUNITY CHURCH

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"Prayer...Receiving An Answer"

Luke 1

Attitudes for receiving God's answer to my prayers:

1. Be willing to let God answer _____

Luke 1:11-13, 18-20 (NIV) ¹¹ Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. ¹² When Zechariah saw him, he was startled and was gripped with fear. ¹³ But the angel said to him: "Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to give him the name John.

¹⁸ Zechariah asked the angel, "How can I be sure of this? I am an old man and my wife is well along in years."

¹⁹ The angel answered, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to tell you this good news. ²⁰ And now you will be silent and not able to speak until the day this happens, because you did not believe my words, which will come true at their proper time."

Hebrews 11:39-40 (NIV) ³⁹ These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised. ⁴⁰ God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.

2. Be willing to let God answer _____

Isaiah 55:8-11 (NIV) ⁸ "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD. ⁹ "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. ¹⁰ As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, ¹¹ so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

Ephesians 3:20 (NCV) With God's power working in us, God can do much, much more than anything we can ask or imagine.

God always gives His _____ to those who leave the _____ to Him

3. Be willing to let God answer _____

John 11:1-44

4. Be willing to let God answer _____

Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV) I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Acts 28:16 (NIV) When we got to Rome, Paul was allowed to live by himself, with a soldier to guard him.

When you pray and:

- the _____ is not right, God says, _____
- _____ are not right, God says, _____
- the _____ is not right, God says, _____
- _____ is in place, God says, _____

May memory verse: Colossians 3:12-13 (NIV) ¹² Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³ Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.