

God's "hand" symbolizes his power.

Isaiah 48:13 "My own hand laid the foundations of the earth, and my right hand spread out the heavens; when I summon them, they all stand together."

In the New Testament, Jesus refers to the power of God or the Spirit of God as God's finger.

Luke 11:20 "But if I drive out demons by the finger of God, then the kingdom of God has come to you."

4. ASK GOD TO KEEP _____

1 Chronicles 4:10 "...and keep me from harm..."

This is a prayer for _____

Jesus said in John 10:10 "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."

Jesus taught us to pray in Matthew 6:23: "And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one."

Prayer of Avoidance: "Lord, you know my weaknesses and where I am vulnerable, so lead me away from temptations and pitfalls."

Prayer of Protection: "Lord, you know that the enemy is out to steal, kill and destroy, so please protect me and deliver me from every scheme of the enemy."

POWER-TOOL FOR WEEK 1: THE PRAYER OF JABEZ

Consider this prayer in two ways: 1) Pray into situations of pain, where you and others need a turn-around from sickness, addiction, financial failure, disappointment, oppression, etc. 2) Thank God for where you are already experiencing God's blessings and pray for more for you and for your church family.



FINALLY FREE!

JESUS
OVERCAME
SO I COULD
OVERCOME!

WEEK 1: THE CRY FOR FREEDOM

QUESTION: Where in my life am I in need of freedom? Do I need healing in my spiritual, emotional, physical, relational, financial, and/ or thought life?

The purpose of this series is for you to _____ the area you need freedom in and then _____ God to reveal His _____ to break you out into freedom.

4 HABITS TO DEVELOP DURING THIS SERIES:

- The habit of attending weekly _____
- The habit of attending weekly _____
- The habit of cultivating a daily _____ of prayer and Bible reading
- The habit of engaging in _____ & _____ one meal a week

JOHN 8:31-36 (NLT)

"Jesus said to the people who believed in him, 'You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teachings. **AND YOU WILL KNOW THE TRUTH, AND THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE.**'

'But we are descendants of Abraham,' they said. 'We have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean, 'You will be set free?'

Jesus replied, 'I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. A slave is not a permanent member of the family, but a son is part of the family forever. **SO IF THE SON SETS YOU FREE, YOU ARE TRULY FREE.**'"

DEFINITION OF "FREEDOM": _____

HOW GOD HEARS MY CRY:

One of the greatest problems in obtaining freedom is _____.
God loves it when we face reality and cry out to him for freedom.

Exodus 3:7-8 (NIV)

"The Lord said, 'I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them CRYING OUT because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey..'"

1 Chronicles 4:9-10 (NIV)

"Jabez was more honorable than his brothers. His mother had named him Jabez, saying, 'I gave birth to him in pain.' Jabez CRIED OUT TO THE GOD OF ISRAEL, 'Oh, that you would bless me and enlarge my territory! Let your hand be with me, and keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain.' And God granted his request."

"JABEZ"= _____

Why did God consider Jabez more honorable than his brothers?

This means that whatever I am struggling with today doesn't have to have _____

Notice that God chose not to change Jabez's _____. Instead, the Lord overrode it so that it fell into the background as God's honor came to the forefront of his life.

4 THINGS TO CRY OUT FOR:

1. ASK GOD TO REVERSE THE _____

1 Chronicles 4:10 (NIV) "*Jabez cried out to the God of Israel, 'Oh, that you would bless me... so that I will be free from pain.'*"

This is a prayer for _____

"BLESS" means _____

Jesus came to reverse the curse!

Isaiah 61:1 & 3 (NKJV) "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim FREEDOM to the captives, and the opening of the prison for those who are bound... To console those who mourn in Zion..."

- To give them _____ for _____
- The oil of _____ for _____
- The garment of _____ for the spirit of _____

2. ASK GOD TO EXPAND YOUR _____

1 Chronicles 4:10 (NIV) "...*Oh, that you would bless me and enlarge my territory!*"

This is a prayer for _____

1 Chronicles 2:55 (NIV) "... and the clans of scribes who lived at Jabez: the Tirathites, Shimeathites and Sucathites..."

3. ASK GOD TO _____ YOU

2 Chronicles 4:10 (NIV) "*Let your hand be with me...*"

This is a prayer for _____