

SERMON NOTES: MINISTRY SERIES

01 - The Ministry of Powerful Prayer

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2. Praying together increases the faith of a congregation (Mt 17:14-21; Mk 9:14-29 Lk 9: 37-43; Mk 10:27)
3. Praying together moves us from being self-serving people to those who desire to do God's will and accomplish his purpose (John 6:37-38; Mt 26:39,Mk 14:36,Lk 22:42).

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- They were all united in prayer - Acts 1:14
- Prayed for guidance in selecting a replacement for Judas -Acts 1:24-25
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- Apostles / Elders dedicated to prayer and the ministry of the word - Acts 6:4
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- Prayed for miracles - Acts 9:40
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- Prayed for deliverance - Acts 12:12
- Prayed and set Paul and Barnabas aside for ministry - Acts 13:3
- Prayed for Paul's Safety - Acts 20:36 / 21:5
- Pray earnest prayers of Thanksgiving - Cl 4:2
- Be devoted to prayer - Romans 12:12
- Pray at all times in the Spirit for all saints- Ep 6:18
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- Pray for opportunities -Cl 4:3-4, Ep 6:19-20
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