

# God Listens When We Pray For Others

## I. Our part in effective prayer with God.

### A. Effective Prayer starts with the right relationship with God (Gen. 18:22-23)

\* "He was called the friend of God"

1. Prayer from a \_\_\_\_\_ person works! (James 5:16b)
2. The Righteousness \_\_\_\_\_ is available to ALL who \_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 3:22)

### B. Effective prayer includes the posture of boldness with respect (Gen. 18:23-25)

\* "But Abraham stood before the Lord"

1. While Abraham seems to be struggling with the situation he doesn't \_\_\_\_\_ God, he questions Him.
2. Its ok to bring your questions & concerns to the Lord, but ask in \_\_\_\_\_ (James 1:5)

### C. Effective prayer is in line with God's character and will (Gen. 18:24-26)

\* "Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?"

1. Abraham appeals with his understanding of God's \_\_\_\_\_, we need to learn who our God is and pray accordingly.
  - Deuteronomy 32:4, 1John 1:9
2. Abraham is also seeking to understand God's will, 'would you also...', we also need to learn God's \_\_\_\_\_ and pray accordingly.
  - 1John 5:14-15, Matthew 6:10

### D. Effective prayer is persistently and humbly talking to God (Gen. 18:26-32)

\* "I am but dust and ashes, let not the Lord be angry"

1. Abraham knows his position before God, and doesn't \_\_\_\_\_ on the Lord's response
  - James 1:6-7
2. Abraham kept asking the Lord, God never once condemned Abraham's \_\_\_\_\_ requests.
  - God honors persistent prayers, Luke 18:1-8

## II. God's Part when it comes to our prayers.

### A. God listens when we pray (Gen. 18:26-32)

1. Throughout this conversation Abraham asked the Lord 6 times and the Lord \_\_\_\_\_

### B. God answers our prayers, just not the way we always want or ask (Gen. 18:33,19:29)

\* "The Lord went His way...and Abraham returned to his place."

1. God didn't answer exactly as Abraham \_\_\_\_\_, but God knew Abraham's heart.
  - God wants us to pray for others, even those who we don't get along with (Matt. 5:44, 1Tim. 2:1)