

Bay City Wesleyan Church  
October 28, 2018

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Sunday Morning 10-28-2018

Jesus promised, "You will bear fruit, lots of fruit, lasting fruit." John 15:5

Let's pray at 1:55 PM daily to see Jesus producing fruit in and through us.

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Claiming the promise in 2018

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The Promise:

If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. (John 15:5)

NEW TEACHING SERIES COMING IN NOVEMBER:

FIRST

Whatever holds first place in our lives matters deeply. When King Jesus is first, his Kingdom-Family grows in and through us.

Why dedicate an entire Sunday morning worship celebration to a prayer meeting?

We've talked about prayer skills and connecting with God for three weeks. Now it's time to practice those skills together.

We will focus on praying, and everything we do will be based on the Bible. We will pray silently. We will pray together.

You may pray on your knees or seated or standing. You may choose to pray here at the altar rail.

Revelation 5:1-8 NLT

<small><font color="#999999">1</font></small> Then I saw a scroll in the right hand of the one who was sitting on the throne. There was writing on the inside and the outside of the scroll, and it was sealed with seven seals. <small><font color="#999999">2</font></small> And I saw a strong angel, who shouted with a loud voice: "Who is worthy to break the seals on this scroll and open it?" <small><font

color="#999999">3</font></small> But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll and read it. <small><font color="#999999">4</font></small> Then I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll and read it. <small><font color="#999999">5</font></small> But one of the twenty-four elders said

to me, "Stop weeping! Look, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the heir to David's throne, has won the victory. He is worthy to open the scroll and its seven seals." <small><font color="#999999">6</font></small>

Then I saw a Lamb that looked as if it had been slaughtered, but it was now standing between the throne and the four living beings and among the twenty-four elders. He had seven horns and seven eyes, which represent the sevenfold Spirit of God that is sent out into every part of the earth. <font color="#999999">7</font></small> He stepped forward and took the scroll from the right hand of the one sitting on the throne. <font color="#999999">8</font></small> And when he took the scroll, the four living beings and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp, and they held gold bowls filled with incense, which are the prayers of God's people.  
<https://bible.com/bible/116/rev.5.1-8.nlt>

Revelation 8:3-5 NLT

<font color="#999999">3</font></small> Then another angel with a gold incense burner came and stood at the altar. And a great amount of incense was given to him to mix with the prayers of God's people as an offering on the gold altar before the throne. <font color="#999999">4</font></small> The smoke of the incense, mixed with the prayers of God's holy people, ascended up to God from the altar where the angel had poured them out. <font color="#999999">5</font></small> Then the angel filled the incense burner with fire from the altar and threw it down upon the earth; and thunder crashed, lightning flashed, and there was a terrible earthquake.  
<https://bible.com/bible/116/rev.8.3-5.nlt>

Exodus 19:16-20 NLT

<font color="#999999">16</font></small> On the morning of the third day, thunder roared and lightning flashed, and a dense cloud came down on the mountain. There was a long, loud blast from a ram's horn, and all the people trembled. <font color="#999999">17</font></small> Moses led them out from the camp to meet with God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain. <font color="#999999">18</font></small> All of Mount Sinai was covered with smoke because the Lord had descended on it in the form of fire. The smoke billowed into the sky like smoke from a brick kiln, and the whole mountain shook violently. <font color="#999999">19</font></small> As the blast of the ram's horn grew louder and louder, Moses spoke, and God thundered his reply. <font color="#999999">20</font></small> The Lord came down on the top of Mount Sinai and called Moses to the top of the mountain. So Moses climbed the mountain.  
<https://bible.com/bible/116/exo.19.16-20.nlt>

What happens when you pray?  
You probably won't know right away.

Sermon in a Sentence:

You cannot see what Jesus does in the spiritual realm by what you sense in the physical realm.

What happens when you pray?

Your prayers give joy and honor to Jesus the Lamb of God because he works in and through them.

Your prayers give the Lord an open invitation to connect with you, and he accepts your invitation.

Your prayers combined with the prayers of all God's Family change the course of history and restore this broken world.

Your prayers welcome Jesus to do something cosmically significant and personally specific.

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Revelation 5:8-14 NLT

<font color="#999999">8</font></small> And when he took the scroll, the four living beings and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp, and they held gold bowls filled with incense, which are the prayers of God's people. <font color="#999999">9</font></small> And they sang a new song with these words: "You are worthy to take the scroll and break its seals and open it. For you were slaughtered, and your blood has ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. <font color="#999999">10</font></small> And you have caused them to become a Kingdom of priests for our God. And they will reign on the earth." <font color="#999999">11</font></small> Then I looked again, and I heard the voices of thousands and millions of angels around the throne and of the living beings and the elders. <font color="#999999">12</font></small> And they sang in a mighty chorus: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slaughtered" to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and blessing." <font color="#999999">13</font></small> And then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea. They sang: "Blessing and honor and glory and power belong to the one sitting on the throne and to the Lamb forever and ever." <font color="#999999">14</font></small> And the four living beings said, "Amen!" And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped the Lamb. <https://bible.com/bible/116/rev.5.8-14.nlt>

You cannot see what Jesus does in the spiritual realm by what you sense in the physical realm.

You can act despite your lack of perception. You can praise and worship the Lamb who was slaughtered for you.