

# Start praying; give thanks; keep praying

## 2 Chronicles 7:14



### Key Points :

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- It is encouraging to give thanks and share testimonies of answered prayers.
- If we turn to God and away from wickedness or sin, and we humble ourselves (e.g. through fasting), pray and seek Him, He will hear us and act! See 2 Chronicles 7:14.
- Never stop praying and give thanks in all circumstances. See 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18.
- God is at work even in the 'little moments' of life - it all adds up; remember to give thanks.
- Our prayers might be fully, partially, not yet, or not as we hoped, answered. Trust God and keep praying.

### Questions:

#### **Conversation Starter**

1. What is one of the greatest answers to prayer you have experienced?

#### **Start Thinking & Sharing**

2. Why is it helpful to share testimonies of answered prayer?
3. Do we sometimes forget to give thanks to God? How can we make giving thanks a habit in "all circumstances"?
4. What category are most of your prayers in lately - answered, partially answered, not yet answered, not answered as you hoped? How do you feel about this?

#### **Start praying. Be bold & pray specifically.**

5. Lord Jesus, we want to bring everything to you in prayer - as our first response, not our last resort. No matter what the situation is, please help us to start praying, give thanks in all circumstances, and then persistently keep praying and trusting you. Forgive us for the times we have lacked gratitude. Today, we would like to give thanks for...

#### **Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.**

6. This week, be intentional about committing everything to God in prayer and find ways to actively give thanks in all circumstances. Share a testimony of answered prayer with someone to raise faith levels, be encouraging, and bring God glory.