

## DESCENDING INTO GREATNESS

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### *“How to have a Shallow Faith”*

1. **Review last week’s prayer requests and update each other**
2. **Review the Big Idea:** What did you hear this morning?

Jesus says that it is time to clear out the clutter of our lives, to carry to the curb all the things that are distracting us from whole-heartedly orienting our lives God-ward, to live every moment of every day with an awareness of his presence and an eye towards his involvement in our day-to-day lives. It is time to connect with him in the quietness and intimacy of a life of continual prayer that boldly and confidently goes to God with everything that we need. It’s time to sit back and, filled with a sense of awe, watch God move the mountains of our lives, watch God be God and do what only God can do, pushing back the darkness and reclaiming this world for good in and through our lives, rather than carrying that entire load on our shoulders. That’s a fruitful life with God, a God-ward life that lives in an attitude of prayer.

### **A TRULY FAITH-FILLED LIFE...**

#### **1. PRAYS WITH BOLDNESS**

*“Truly I tell you, if you say to this mountain, ‘Go, throw yourself into the sea,’ and do not doubt in your heart but believe that what you say will happen, it will be done for you.”*

Mark 11:23 [TNIV]

#### **2. PRAYS WITH CONFIDENCE**

*“Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.”*

Mark 11:24 [TNIV]

#### **3. PRAYS IN HARMONY WITH OTHERS**

*“And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive them, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins.”*

Mark 11:25 [TNIV]

- ***What distracts you from living all of life with a ‘God-ward’ focus? What impact does that have on our relationship with God?***
- ***Can you think of a time when prayer was a significant part of your life? Did that investment affect your outlook on life? How?***

- ***Are you a person who prays with 'mountain moving boldness' expecting God to answer? Why or why not?***
- ***What makes it hard to reconcile broken relationship? How do broken relationships affect our prayer life?***

***'Rubber meets the Road'***

- ***How can we help each other re-structure our lives to make prayer a priority for our lives and our group?***

WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE TO LIVE A "FRUITFUL" LIFE WITH GOD?

A FRUITFUL LIFE IS A GODWARD LIFE, LIVING IN AN ATTITUDE OF PRAYER.