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DARE TO PRAY BIG

When God's people pray bold, faith-filled prayers for His glory, He shows up in undeniable power.

BIG PRAYERS BEGIN WITH AN UNWAVERING FAITH

Elijah calls the people out:

"How long will you waver between two opinions?" (v. 21)

- It's time to decide.
- Big prayers don't come from divided hearts. They come from people who have decided.
- Elijah didn't pray big because the odds were good—he prayed big because God is faithful.
- We can't pray bold prayers or take bold steps while having cautious faith.
- God isn't looking for perfect people—He's looking for fully surrendered ones.
- Big prayers require courage.

BIG PRAYERS ARE ROOTED IN GOD'S GLORY

- Big noise doesn't equal big power.
- The prophets of Baal made a lot of noise.
- The size of your prayer isn't measured by emotion—it's measured by alignment.

Elijah prays a simple, confident prayer:

^{36b} ...*"O Lord, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, prove today that you are God in Israel and that I am your servant. Prove that I have done all this at your command."* ³⁷ *O Lord, answer me! Answer me so these people will know that you, O Lord, are God and that you have brought them back to yourself."*
1 Kings 18:36b-37 NLT

- He prays for God's glory and the peoples' hearts.
- Some prayers go unanswered because they're centered on us, not God.
- When your greatest desire is God's glory, heaven listens.

BIG PRAYERS TRUST GOD FOR THE IMPOSSIBLE

^{33b} ...*Then he said, "Fill four large jars with water, and pour the water over the offering and the wood."* ³⁴ *After they had done this, he said, "Do the same thing again!" And when they were finished, he said, "Now do it a third time!" So they did as he said, ³⁵ and the water ran around the altar and even filled the trench. 1 Kings 18:33b-35 NLT*

- Elijah wanted there to be no doubt when God moved.
- The fire falls—consuming the sacrifice, the stones, the water, and even the dust.
- When God answers big prayers, He leaves no room for confusion.
- If God is truly God, then nothing is too hard.
- Sometimes God waits until the situation seems impossible—so only He gets the credit.
- Faith doesn't avoid impossible situations—it invites God into them.

³⁹ *And when all the people saw it, they fell face down on the ground and cried out, "The Lord—he is God! Yes, the Lord is God!" 1 Kings 18:39 NLT*

- That's what big prayers are meant to do—they turn our hearts back to God.

PRAY THE KIND OF PRAYERS THAT REQUIRE GOD TO SHOW UP

Because when God answers big prayers:

- He gets the glory.
- Faith is restored.
- Lives are changed.

Where have I been praying small because I'm afraid to be disappointed?

What impossible situation needs a bold, faith-filled prayer right now?