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Multiplying my life through others...

Two or Three

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In Matthew 18:19-20, Jesus tells His followers, “*Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.*”

I am greatly challenged by these words. Pause and think about the power in this promise. If even a small group prays in agreement on any matter here, Jesus the Son has committed the Father to do what they ask for! The early church lived this out in so many ways. They actually relied on it in order to survive!

Ben Jennings, former Global Prayer director for Campus Crusade for Christ put it this way: “Imagine a

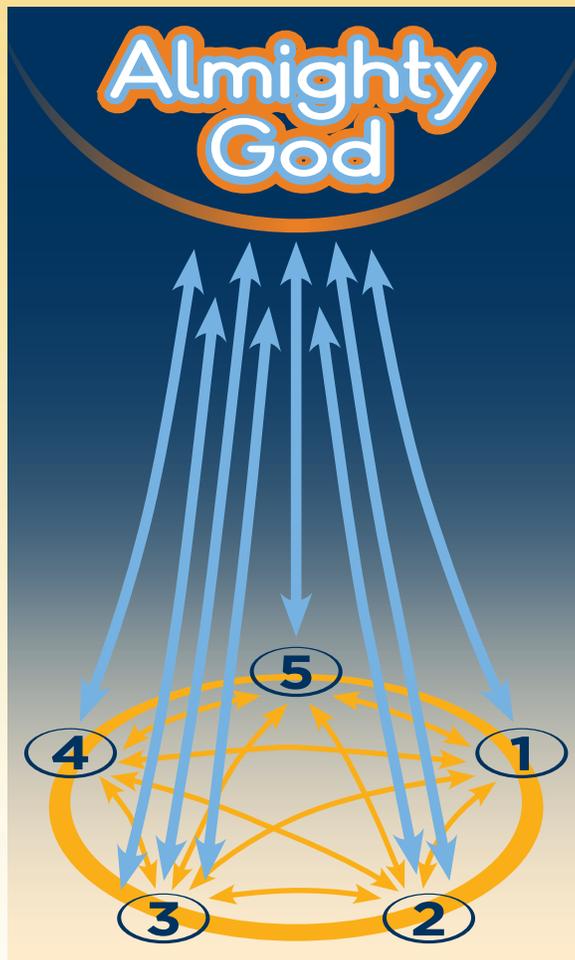


diagram representing the power of praying together. An open circle representing our infinite God. Below it a circle representing a prayer group. No two people pray exactly the same, so everyone is uniquely important to the strength of the group. When the first person prays, God hears; then others pray. The prayer of the second person is often influenced by spiritual insights and faith expressed by the first. The third person is influenced by the first two, etc. So, the power of united, Spirit-led prayer multiplies exponentially!”

In other words, the Holy Spirit prompts each of us in unique ways. As the Spirit influences the first person, they pray something. The second may pray something that builds on the first person’s prayer and so on.

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What happens in the spiritual realm is affected by how we respond to what the Spirit leads us to pray, as we are in tune with how He has led the preceding prayers. God moves our prayers in alignment with His purposes, and as a result He begins to work on earth in powerful ways!

In Acts 12:1-17 we see the early church applying that spiritual principle. They gathered together and agreed in *fervent* prayer about Peter being imprisoned. Eventually an angel appeared to Peter, opened his cell and released him from prison! Can you imagine being in that prayer meeting, looking at one other as the young woman says Peter is at the door?

God had moved heaven - by sending an angel. He moved earth - opening the gates for Peter. The Lord led the various friends as they prayed together, and He answered!

A number of years ago I was part of a team praying for ministry teams about to begin serving in Russia. One of the team leaders brought up a prayer need. His “spiritual mother” was having brain tumor surgery. As he shared, I sensed from the Holy Spirit that we needed to gather on the day of her surgery and pray as a larger group.

That morning more than 100 of us met to pray for this woman. Don't think that I didn't have doubts. But as we prayed together, once again God answered! Not only were the doctors able to remove the entire tumor without complications, but it was much smaller and not exactly in the same place as scans had shown! Her surgery was so successful that the young man was able that afternoon to phone this person who meant so much to him!

Let us dare to gather in prayer. Choose to agree with the promptings of the Holy Spirit who fills you, remembering that Jesus is in your midst. Trust God to move heaven and earth in response to your prayers. His infinite power is unleashed as we come together and agree in prayer with one another!



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