**Sermon Notes**

**Date:** January 17, 2016

**Scripture:** Exodus 14:15 (NLT)

**SUBJECT:** Prayer Emphasis Month

**Subtext:** Your Prayers Should Lead To Action

1. Review of the previous sermons. (To get a copy of the previous sermon notes please visit [www.acmwc.org](http://www.acmwc.org) and they are listed under the heading sermon notes).

2. The reason we observe Dr. Martin Luther King’s Birthday. The legacy he left behind (Watch the movie ***Selma***). Also how he put his faith into action. (James 2:17)

3. A true leader of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ suffers. When you don’t understand a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it’s best to pray for them and allow \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to handle the situation.

4. A brief excerpt from Coretta Scott King’s book, **“*Standing in the Need of Prayer.”***Coretta Scott King was the wife of Dr. Martin Luther King. This prayer that Dr. King prayed is also listed in a book entitled, “Thou, Dear God”: Prayers That Open Hearts and Spirits (King Legacy).

5. All leaders and those who profess to be Christians all go through a season where one becomes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, but I have some good news for you because in 2nd Corinthians 12:10, Paul says, That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, then I am \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (NIV) After we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and receive an answer from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it is our job to do the work and we **WIN**!!!

6. Dr. King used this verse (Exodus 14:15) frequently when speaking on the misuse of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or the tendency to turn to prayer as a substitute for intelligence and hard work. In **Exodus 14:15** you will see that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is telling Moses that the answer to the challenges that the children of Israel are facing does not always involve crying out or in this text praying, but they must take the initiative themselves to do what they are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to do for themselves.

7. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ must have a vital place in our lives, but there is also a place for **ACTION**. Sometimes we know what to do, but we pray for more guidance as an excuse to postponing it. If we know what we should do, then it is time to get \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

8. The story of the departing of The Red Sea.

**Question:** What do you think would have happened to the Israelites if they didn’t trust God to cross on dry land through the Red Sea?

9. If you don’t put your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ into action then your prayers will mean nothing. Yes we are to wait on God. Yes are to wait to hear his voice, but once the **Holy Spirit** gives us the answer it is our job to follow his directions. Psalm 119:133 says, “Order my steps in thy word: and let not any iniquity have dominion over me.” When you allow the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to direct your footsteps according to his word he will keep you from sin and will make you prosperous because you are doing his Will at all costs. **(Examples of putting out faith into action through prayer)**

10. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ has all of the resources available you just have to allow the Lord to lead you to right people to ask the right questions for your needs to be met. Your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ should lead to encouragement to know that God will supply all of your needs. Don’t be ignorant to think that you can do everything by yourself because Philippians 3:14 says, “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” You need a **Pastor** to give you **Godly Instructions** and as a **Spiritual Covering** for your life, but the **Pastor** can’t do more for you than what you can do for yourself in **Christ Jesus.**

11. When we pray we should expect an answer. We may not receive an answer that we want but God expects us to follow him at all costs.

**Questions**

How will I apply this message to my life?

What do I love to do that will honor God?

Whom are the **3** people that I will share this message with?

**Prayer**

Dear Lord,
I come humbly before you to ask you to give me your glory and strength to do your Will

So that when challenges come before me I will be able to continue to spread your word

So that everyone in my family and in circle will have a chance to know who you are

And experience the love, joy, and peace that you have given me
I love you Lord with all of my heart, mind, body, & soul. **Amen** \_**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**Reminders**

**For the 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting.** (January 4th – 25th 2016)

**February 14, 2016 at 12:30pm – Pastor J & Lady J will be celebrating their 2nd Pastoral Anniversary. Pastor Bryant Ali & congregation of the New Psalmist Worship Center will be in worship with ABC.**

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| The Prayer Line for the Women’s Ministry is **Every Tuesday at 8pm.**  The number is 712-775-7031 and the Meeting ID/Access Code is 637-755-644. Prayer is the key and our faith unlocks the door. **All Women of Agape with family and friends are encouraged to participate.** |