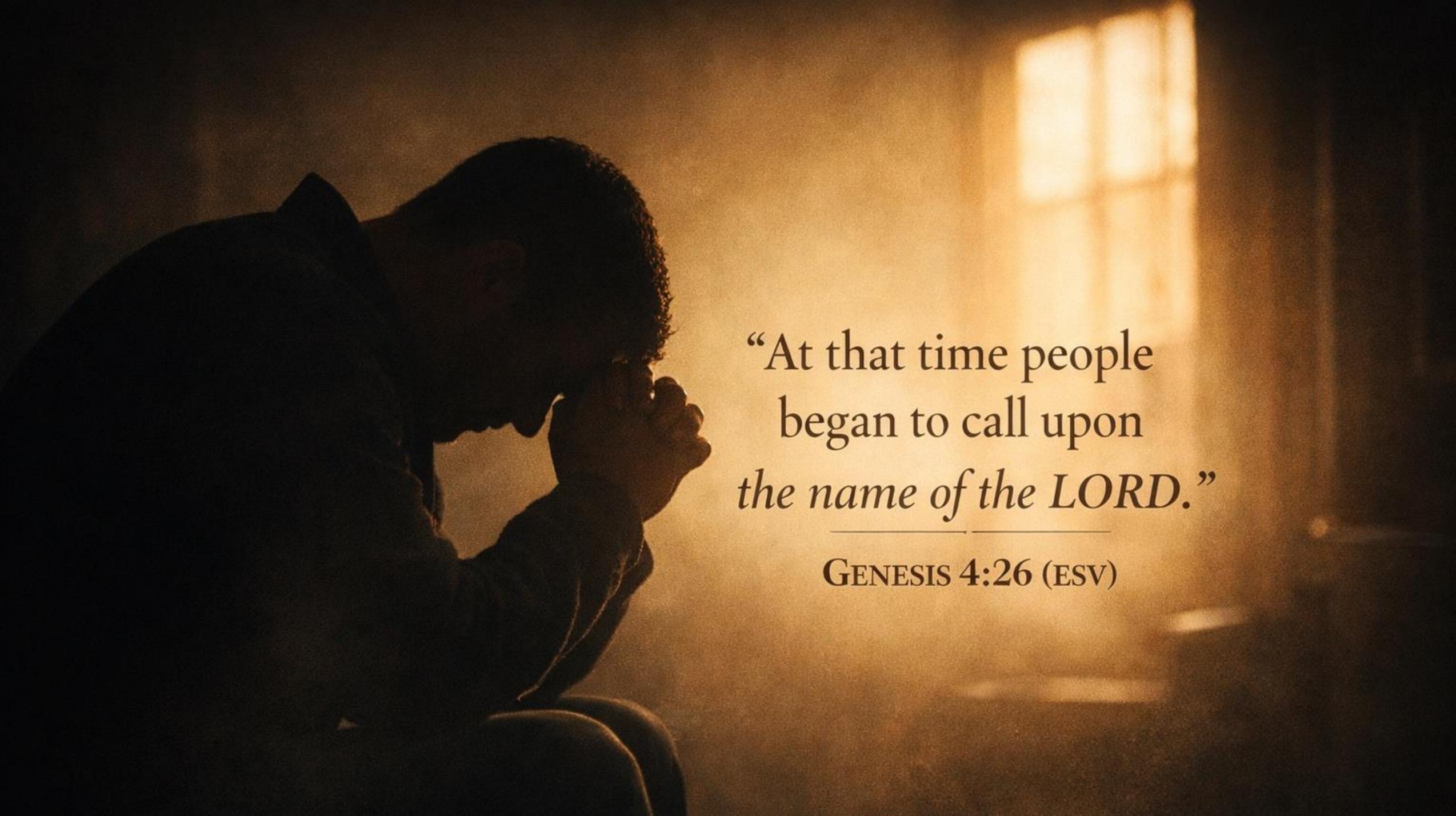




Welcome to Worship

Sanford church of Christ



“At that time people
began to call upon
the name of the LORD.”

GENESIS 4:26 (ESV)



Why do men pray?

ECCLESIASTES 1

18 She perceiveth that her merchandise is good: her candle goeth not out by night.
19 She layeth her candle with the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff.
20 She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hand to the needy.
21 She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her household are clothed with scarlet.
22 She maketh herself coverings of tapestry: her clothing is silk and purple.
23 Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land.
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ECCLESIASTES OR THE PREACHER

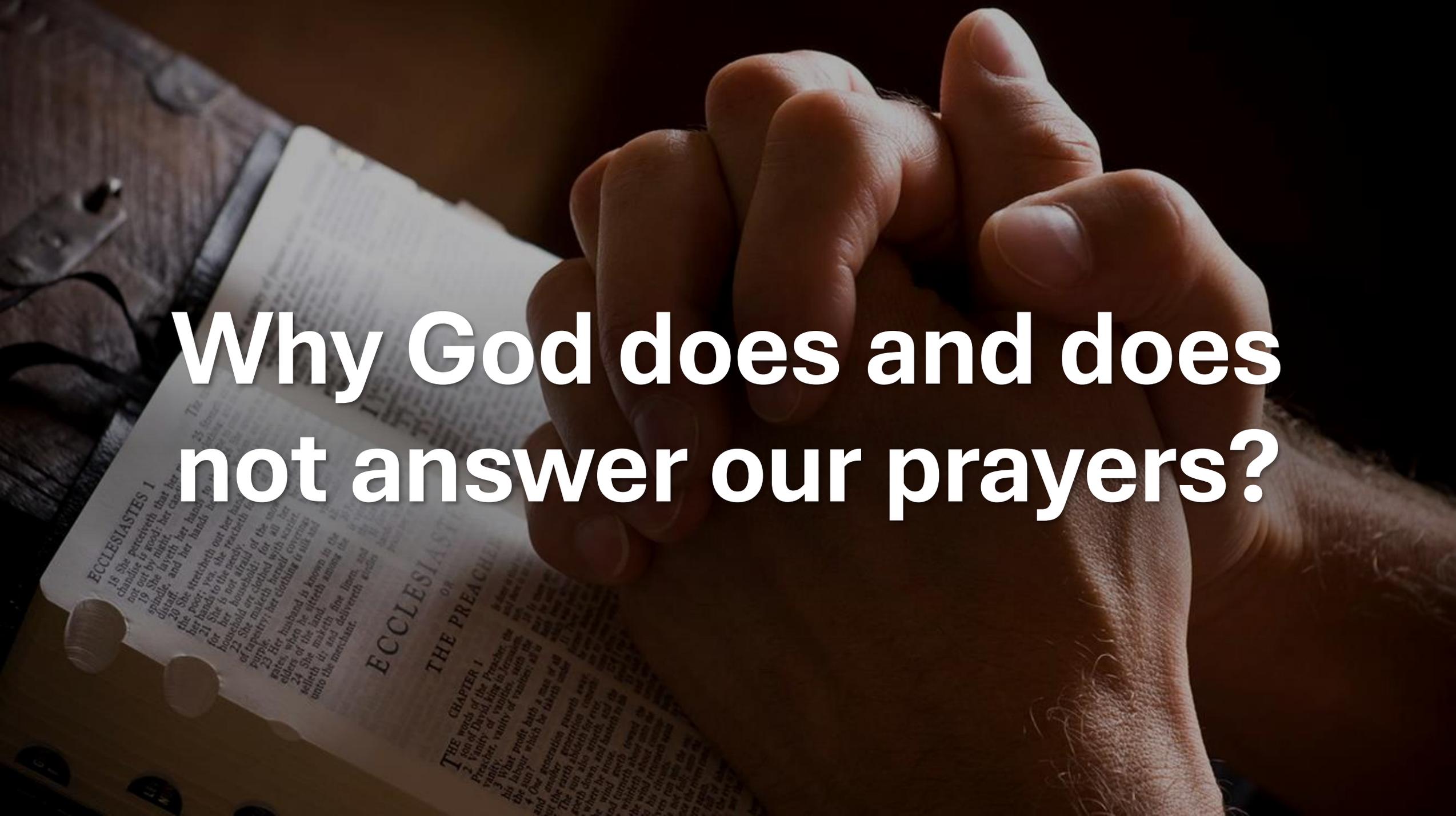
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1 The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem.
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4 One generation passeth away, and another generation cometh; but the earth abideth for ever.
5 The sun also ariseth, and the shadow thereof lengtheneth toward the west; and it becometh as the wind, and turneth about toward the north; and it returneth again toward the west, and the shadow thereof lengtheneth toward the west.
6 Every man to whom his portion is given, let him enjoy it, for this is his lot.
7 For he shall not bring it with him, neither shall he carry it away, neither shall he build a house, nor plant a vineyard, nor sow seed, nor have a wife, nor enjoy his labour, for he shall depart as he came, and shall not bring anything with him.
8 As he goeth out of his womb, so shall he come again, and shall be as the chaff that is blown away.
9 For vanity are all our labours.
10 There is a vain man which becometh rich, yet shall he depart as he came, and shall not carry anything away.
11 There is another vain man which becometh rich, yet shall he depart as he came, and shall not carry anything away.
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19 There is a tenth vain man which becometh rich, yet shall he depart as he came, and shall not carry anything away.

Not all prayers are affirmed by the Lord!

5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. 6 But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. 7 For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; 8 he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

- James 1:5 – 8 (ESV)



Why God does and does not answer our prayers?

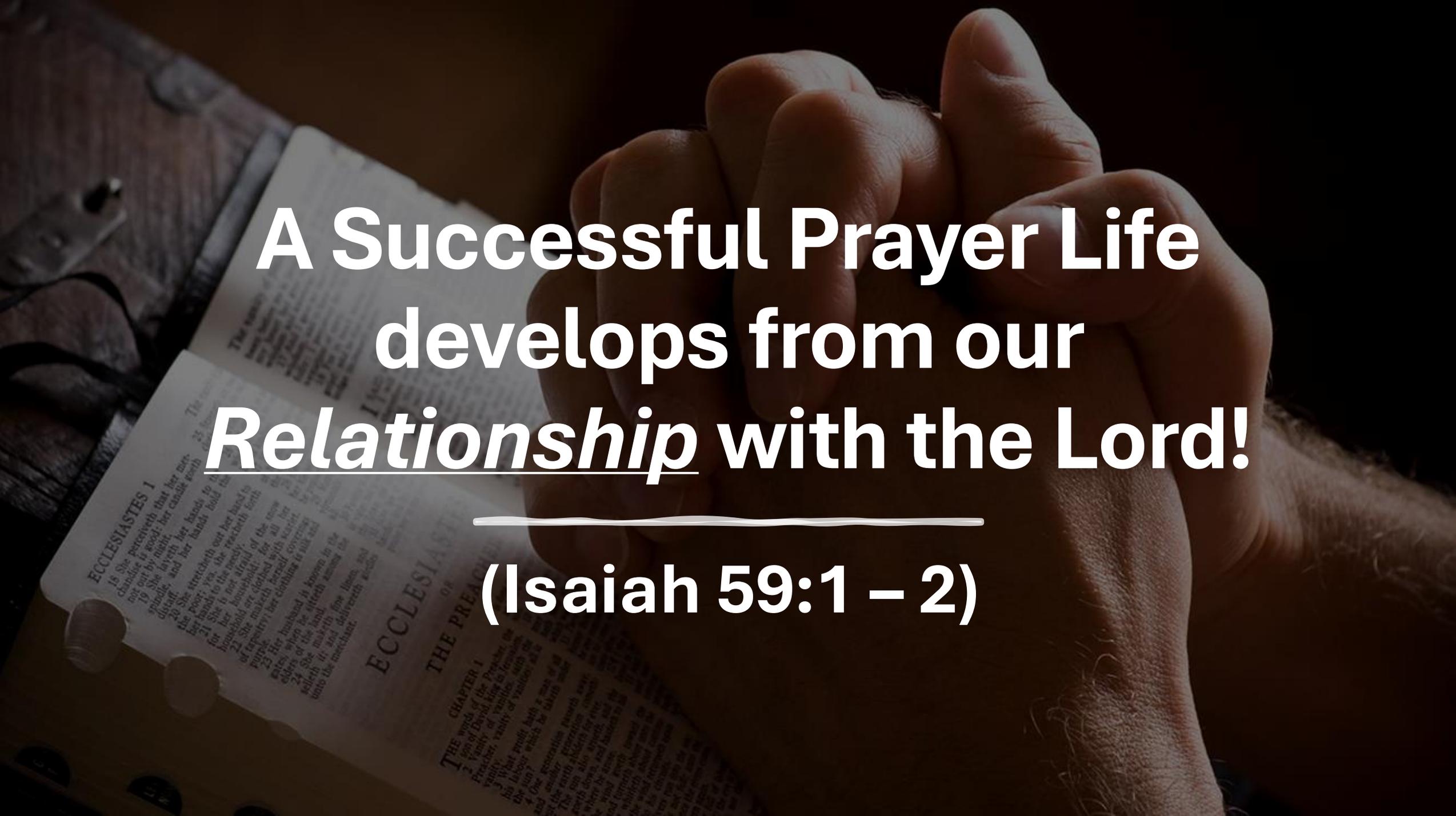
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18 She perceiveth that her labour is in vain, and she bringeth it out by wood: her candle is not out by night.
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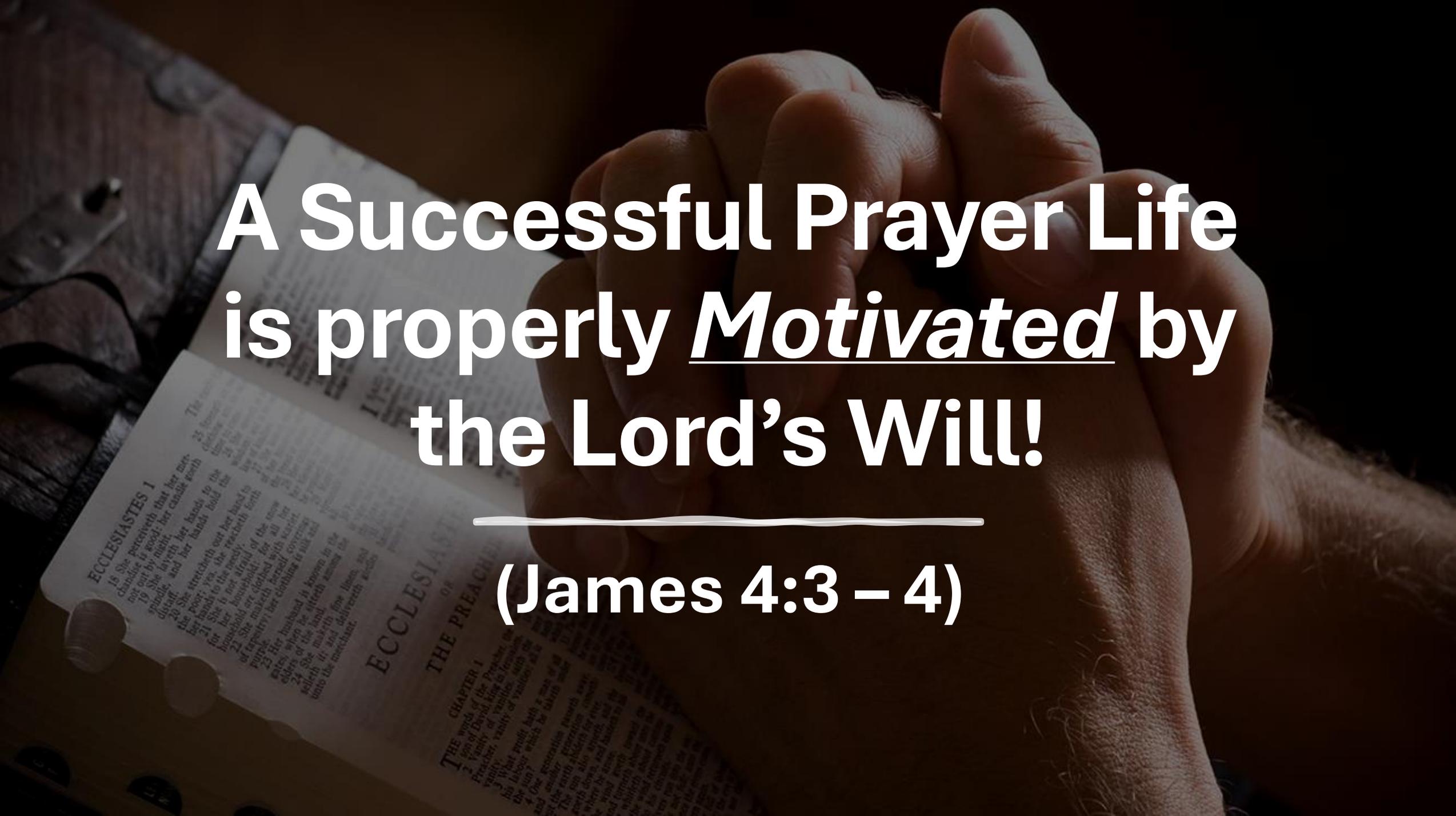
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5 Wherefore shall we labour, and where shall we take our breath, and then the dust shall return to the earth as it was, and the spirit shall return to God who gave it?
6 Vanity of vanities, all is vanity and vexation of spirit.
7 And there is nothing better for us, than that we should rejoice in our works, for we shall have our days as a shadow.
8 And there is nothing better for us, than that we should be merry in our days, for we shall have our days as a shadow.
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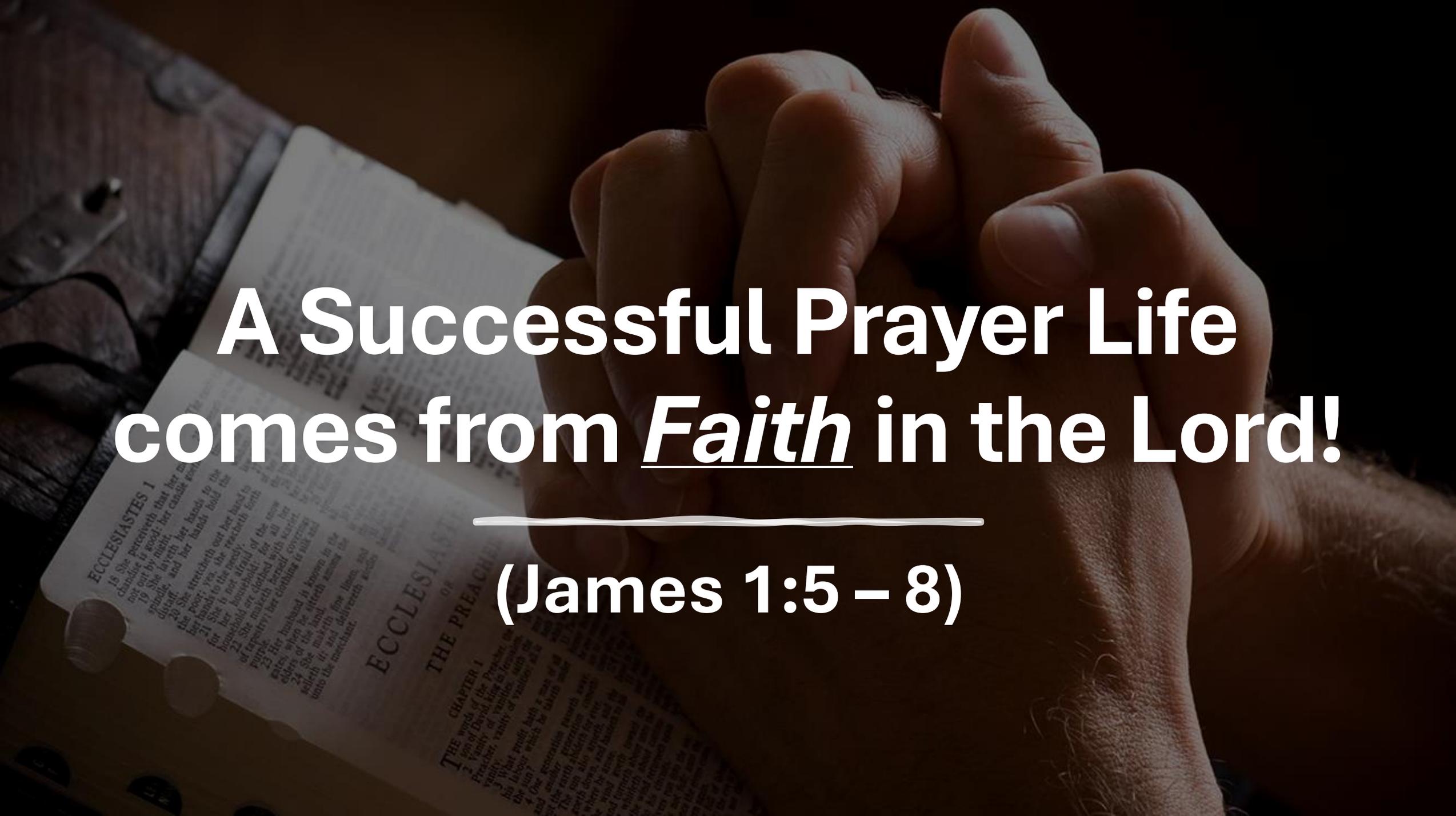
A Successful Prayer Life develops from our Relationship with the Lord!

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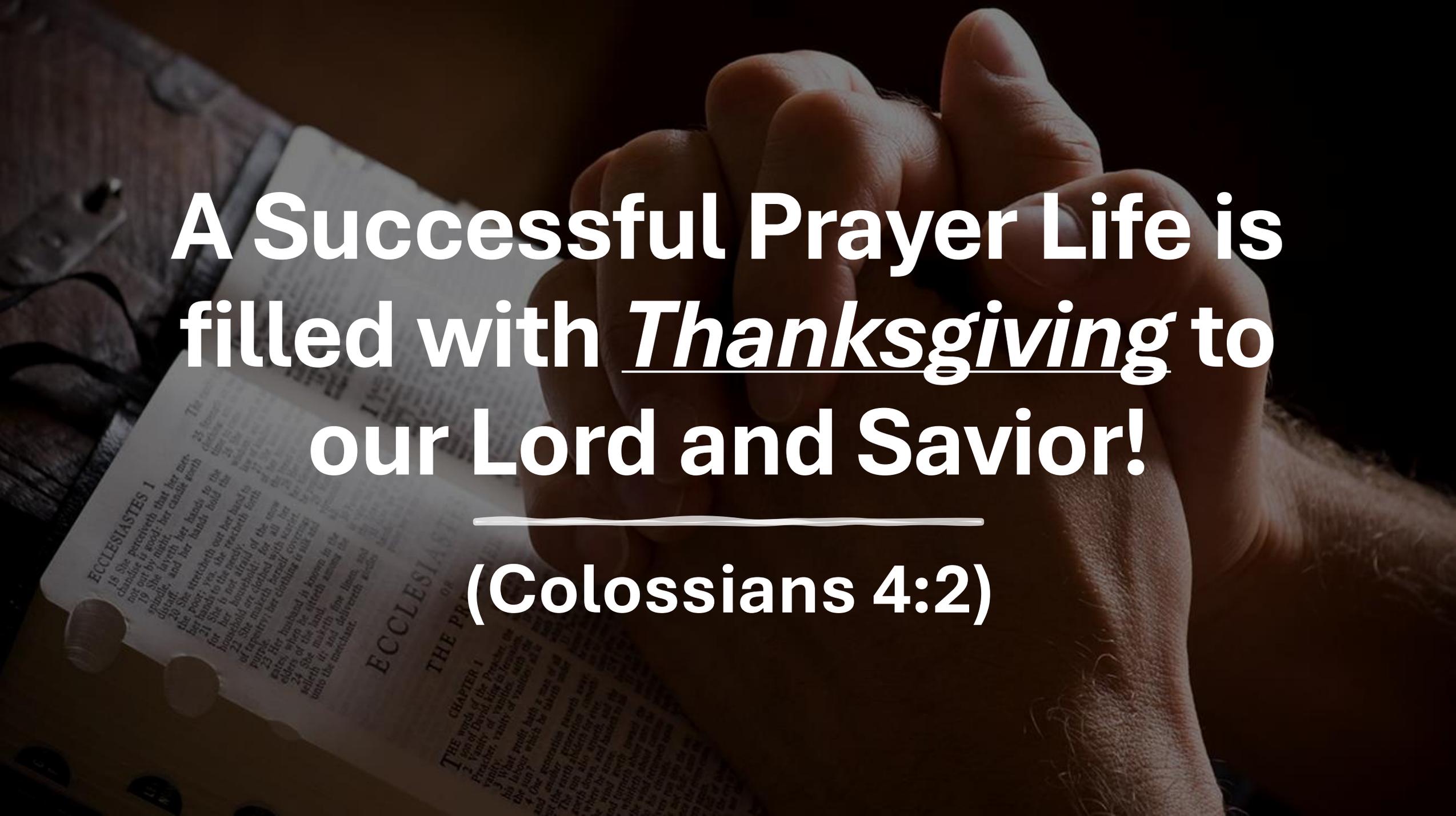
**A Successful Prayer Life
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the Lord's Will!**

(James 4:3 – 4)

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**A Successful Prayer Life
comes from *Faith* in the Lord!**

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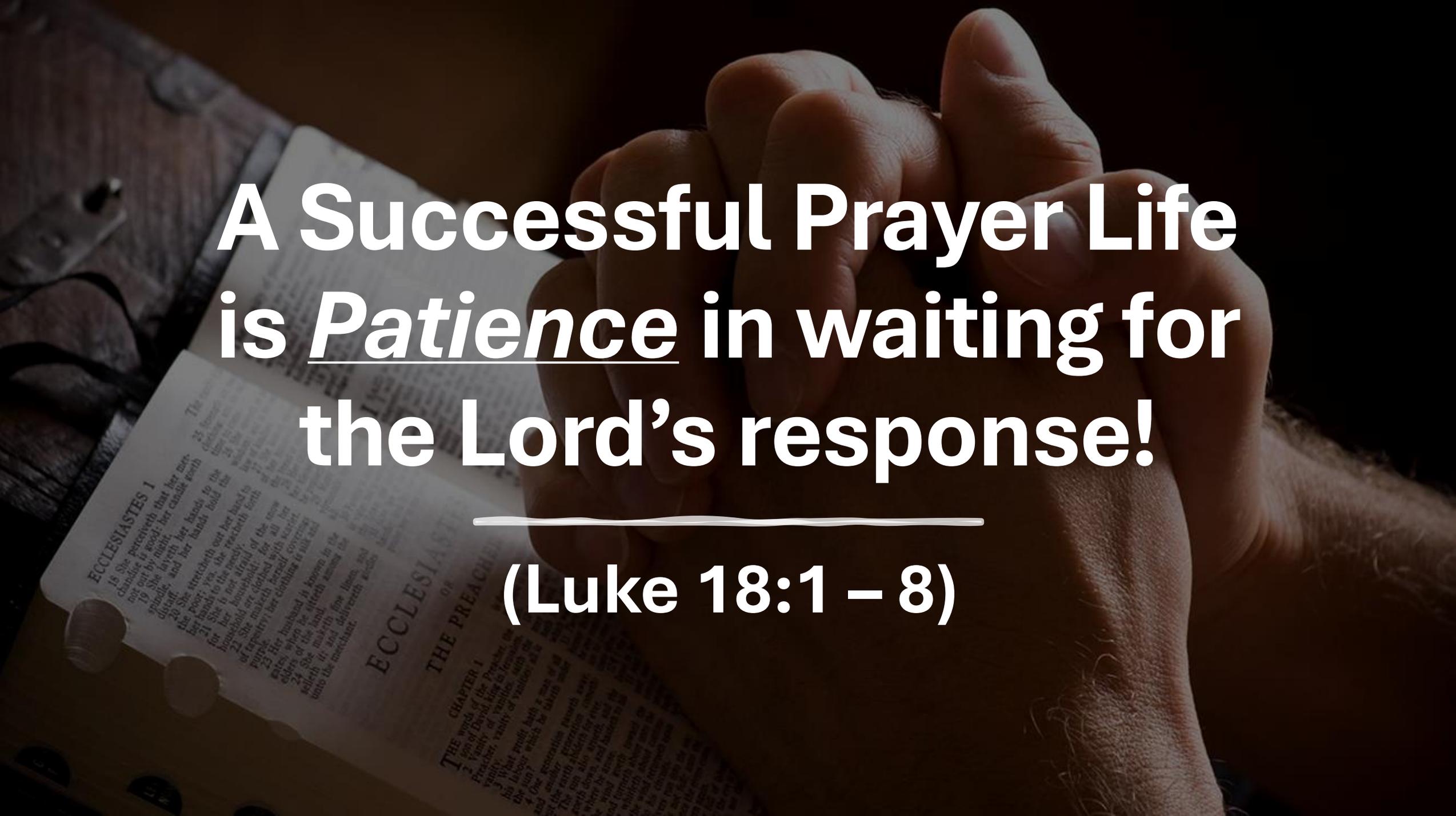
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(Colossians 4:2)

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A Successful Prayer Life is Consistent!

(Luke 18:1 – 8)

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**A Successful Prayer Life
is Patience in waiting for
the Lord's response!**

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Are you leading a successful prayer life?

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7 The rivers run into the sea, but the sea is not full; whither they run, thither run the rivers.

8 All things are full of labour, and man cannot utter the number of the days of his vanity.

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