



## **April 23, 2016 Prayer Workshop**

*"And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer..."* **Matthew 21:13**

**Prayer is** more than a petition or expression of our supplication, prayer serves as **a bridge between heaven and earth**. Prayer begins with **relationship** with our Heavenly Father through Jesus Christ **in which our hearts, wills and hopes are aligned to and with His in daily, devotional surrender**.

**Prayer is one of the greatest benefits of a restored relationship with God.**

*"...The word of the Lord was rare and precious in those days; visions [that is, new revelations of divine truth] were not widespread."* **I Samuel 3:1 (AMP)**

In the place of prayer, we receive His instruction, direction, perspective and intention.

**The Lord's Prayer is not a formula but a model to teach us to pray, above all invoking OUR Father to bring to pass what He wills for the earth. (Matthew 6:9-13)**

**Prayer is too rare.**

*"And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none."* **Ezekiel 22:30**

Prayer not only should govern all of our activities in the earth, prayer or the lack thereof DOES govern all activities of the earth.

**Prayer sensitizes us to and allows us to become more like Him.**

*"In the same way the Spirit [comes to us and] helps us in our weakness. We do not know what prayer to offer or how to offer it as we should, but the Spirit Himself [knows our need and at the right time] intercedes on our behalf with sighs and groanings too deep for words."*

**Romans 8:26 (AMP)**

We become what we behold or are beholden to. We must keep our gaze fixed upon Him, allowing Him to establish the agenda in prayer.

**Prayer develops our faith, trust and confidence in God.**

*"And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him!"* **I John 5:14-15**

Our continual coming to God develops our confidence and creates the condition for God to do what we ask, in His name.

**Prayer guards our heart from pride, awakening us to our need for and access to the presence of God. (Mark 10:17-22 & John 14:30)**