

THE POWER IS IN THE ONE WHO HEARS

WE PRAY, GOD ANSWERS!

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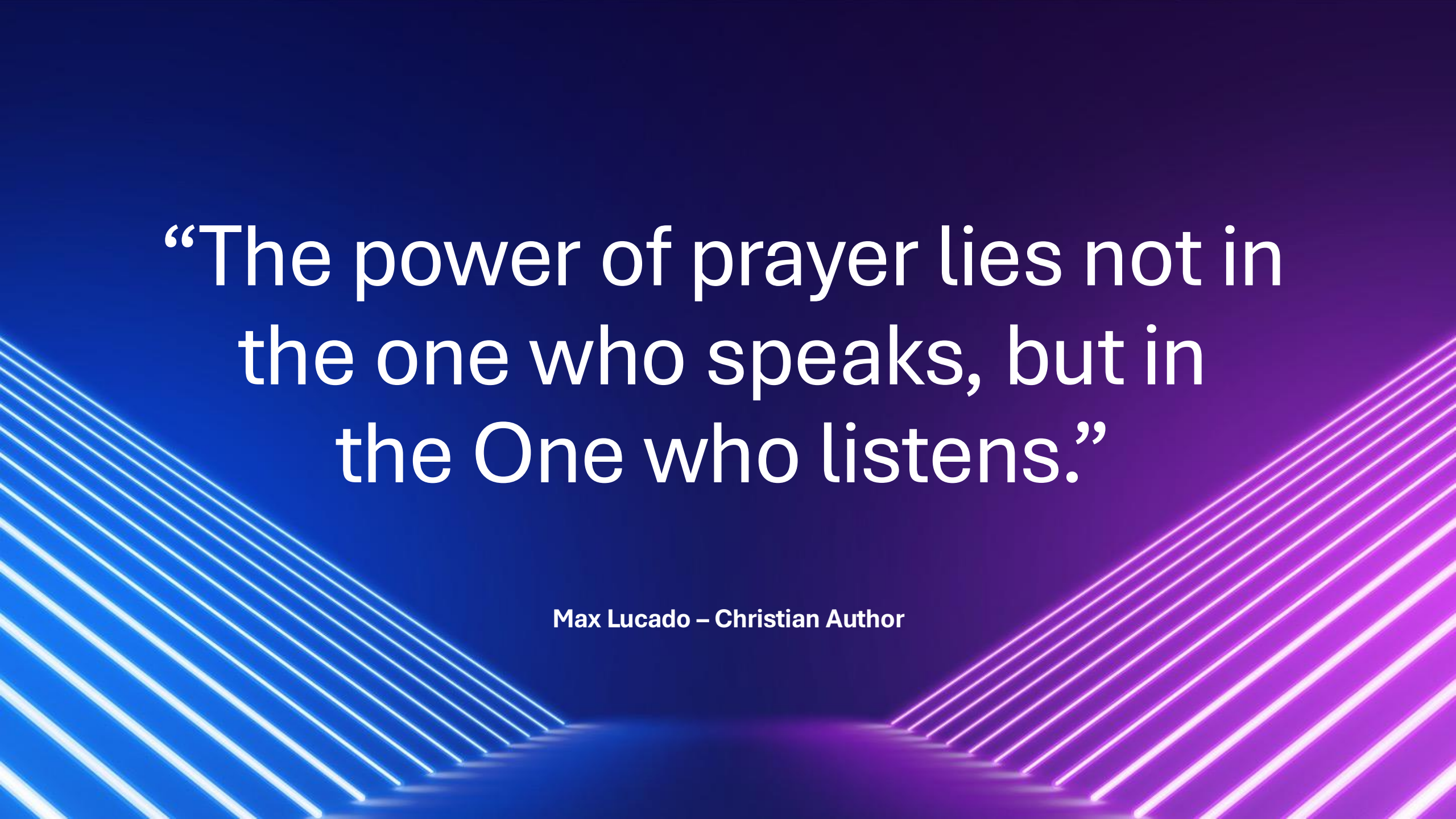
What would it be like if you could ...

- 1. Be available to pray more often?**
- 2. Pray more effectively?**
- 3. See better results when you pray?**

1 JOHN 5:14-15

“Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.

And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.”

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“The power of prayer lies not in
the one who speaks, but in
the One who listens.”

Max Lucado – Christian Author

Key Thought

Prayer is powerful not because we are eloquent,
but because God is faithful!

1. God Hears The Imperfect Prayer

ROMANS 8:26 (NKJV)

Like wise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

1. God Hears The Imperfect Prayer

1 SAMUEL 1:10–13 (NKJV)

- Hannah prayed silently in anguish.
- God heard her heart.
- God gave her a Son – The Prophet Samuel

Key Thought

“God receives our sincerity over our grammar.”

2. God Responds To Persistent Faith

LUKE 18:1 (NKJV)

“Men ought always to pray and not lose heart.”

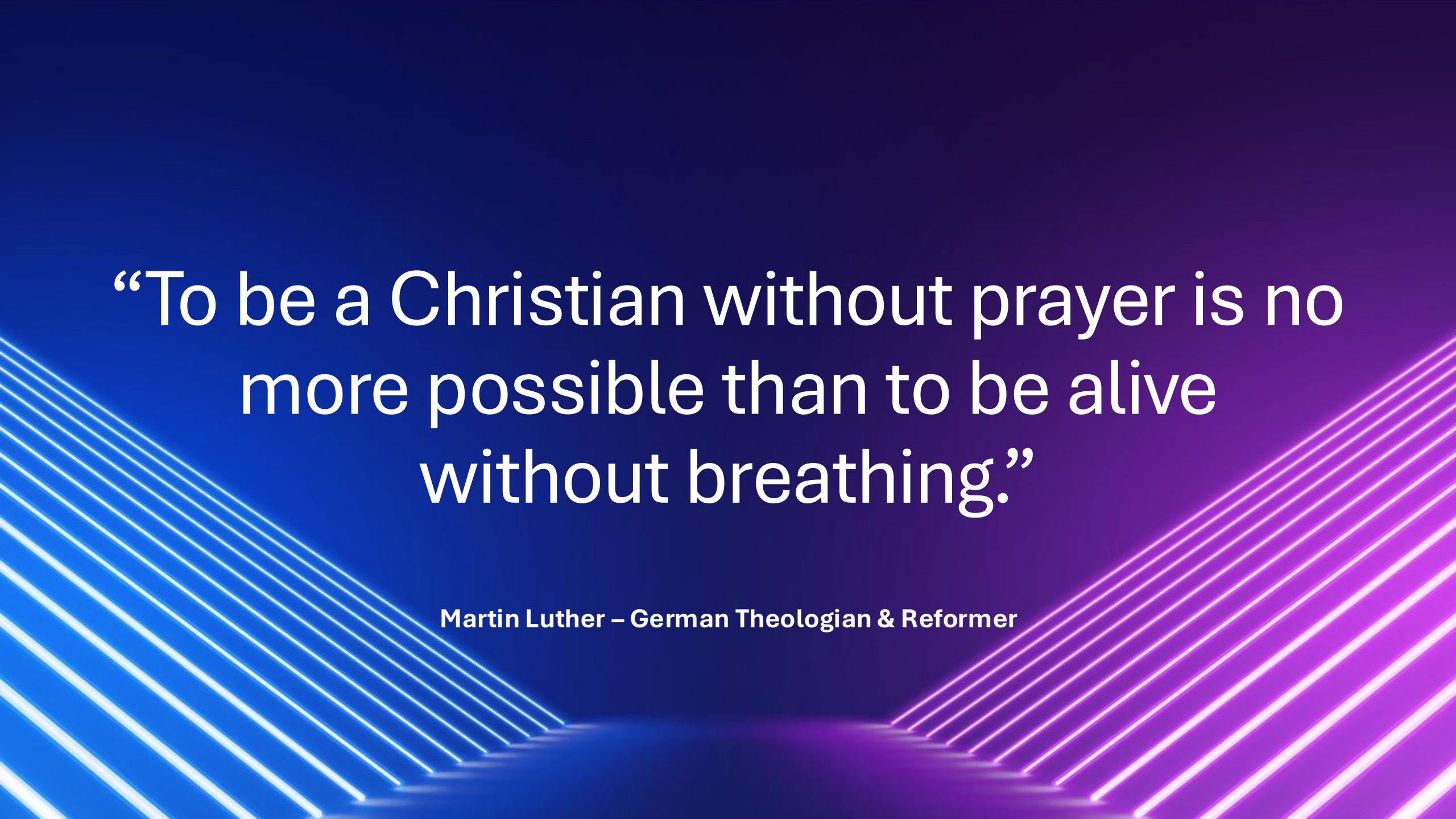
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1 KINGS 18:41–46 (NKJV)

- Elijah prayed repeatedly for rain.
- The Rain didn't come at first.
- Sometime later a small cloud appeared.
- The drought ended and the rain poured.

Key Thought

- Delayed is not denial.

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“To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing.”

Martin Luther – German Theologian & Reformer

3. God Works Through The Smallest Prayer

JAMES 5:16 (NKJV)

“The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much, it make tremendous power available.”

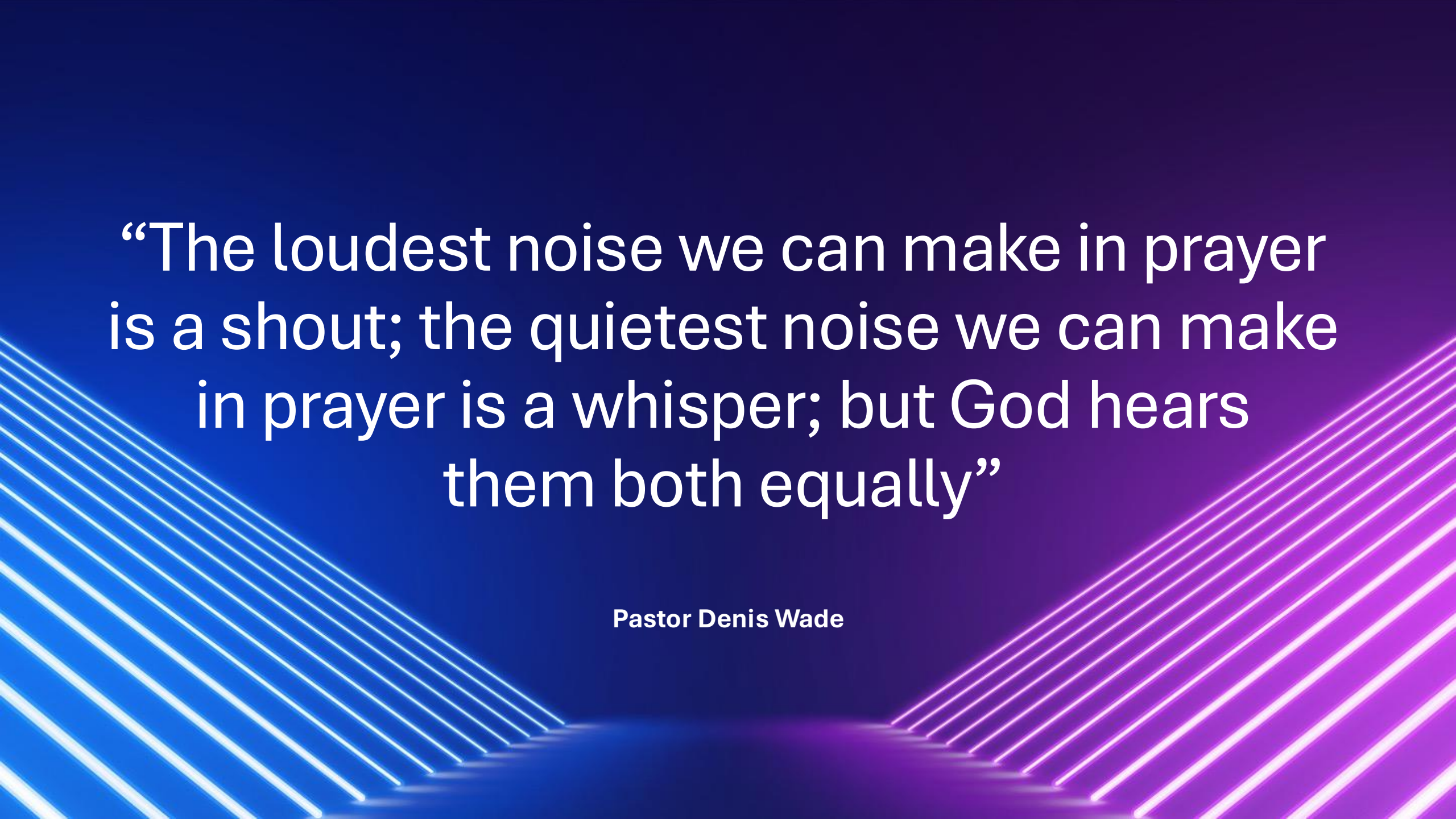
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MATTHEW 14:30–31 (NKJV)

Peter was sinking after walking on water.

Peter cried, “Lord, save me!”

And immediately Jesus reached out His hand.

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“The loudest noise we can make in prayer
is a shout; the quietest noise we can make
in prayer is a whisper; but God hears
them both equally”

Pastor Denis Wade

God Weighs Our Hearts

Key Thought

It's not how *loud* or how *long* you pray, it's all about your heart and sincerity towards God.

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“Whispers move heaven.”

Corrie Ten Boom – Holocaust Survivor

Example – Peter in Prison

ACTS 12:1–17

- Herod Killed James
- Herod imprisoned Peter —

BUT THE CHURCH PRAYED

An Angel appeared and set Peter free!

**It's not how loud or long you pray —
it's the sincerity of your heart toward
God.**

4. God's Power Makes The Difference

EPHESIANS 3:20 (NKJV)

“Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly, above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us...”

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ACTS 16:25–26 (NKJV)

- Paul & Silas in Prison
- At midnight they prayed and sang.
- A great earthquake.
- Doors opened.
- Chains fell off.

“Prayer links our weakness to God’s strength.”

“There are three stages to every great work of God:
Impossible → Difficult → Done!”

Hudson Taylor

Conclusion

JEREMIAH 33:3 (NKJV)

“Call to Me, and I will answer you,
and show you great and mighty things, which you do not
know”

Closing Challenge

- Pray through the tears.
- Pray through the doubt.
- Pray anyway!

Let Us Prayer

- God hears.
- God answers.
- The power is in the One who hears.