Message Series: The Doubt Factor 03.09.14

"Sometimes I Doubt That Prayer Works"

James 1:5-7

"Triumphant prayer is almost impossible where there is neglect of the study of the Word of God." Reuben Torrey

"The fewer the words the better the prayer." Martin Luther

"The neglect of prayer is a grand hindrance to holiness." John Wesley

6 Keys To Prayer:

1. A strong relationship with God.

"If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted!" John 15:7, NLT

2. Forgive others.

"I tell you, you can pray for anything, and if you believe that you've received it, it will be yours. But when you are praying, first forgive anyone you are holding a grudge against, so that your Father in heaven will forgive your sins, too." Mark 11:24-25, NLT

3. Have the right motive.

"When you ask, you don't get it because your motives are all wrong – you want only what will give you pleasure." James 4:3, NLT

4. Pray in faith.

"But when you ask him, be sure that your faith is in God alone. Do not waver…Such people should not expect to receive anything from the Lord." James 1:5-7, NLT

5. Pray that God's will be done.

"This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us." 1 John 5:14-15, NLT

6. Use the name Jesus.

"Ask, using my name, and you will receive, and you will have abundant joy." John 6:24, NLT

Memory Verse:
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Next Steps:
I will work on my horizontal relationships.
I will pray in faith.