

# House of Prayer, Part 4

February 8, 2015

## Two types of prayer studied earlier in the series

### “Call on the Name”

- to accost someone you’ve met, boldly, fervently

### “Cry Out”

- to cry out with a shriek together; to cry out with a shout; to cry for freedom: a cry that is clear, definitive, shrill

**Calling and crying out ISN’T a tame, passive thing in the Old Testament —  
neither is it in the New Testament —  
a cultural and spiritual shift must happen in our lives**

## Seven Greek words that will help us pray more biblically, with instruction and permission

### 1. *proseúchomai* (pros-yoo-khom-ahee) — praying earnestly, pursuing your desire in a steady, sincere, eager way

- word most used by Jesus — 87 times in the New Testament

#### How Jesus prayed

- a) baptism — Luke 3:21 — heaven was opened
- b) solitary — Matthew 14:23 — prayed purposefully and eagerly by himself
- c) transfiguration — Luke 9:28-29 — His face was altered and other could see
- d) Gethsemane — Matthew 26:36 — earnestly

#### How Jesus taught to pray

- e) upon hearing Jesus — Luke 11:1 — disciple heard Him and asked Him
- f) taught — Luke 11:12 — Jesus said WHEN you pray
- g) believe — Mark 11:24 — incorporate faith
- h) persist — Luke 18:1 — never lose heart

**Praying earnestly, pursuing your desire in a steady, sincere, eager way  
is a FOUNDATIONAL way of praying in the New Testament**

### 2. *aitēsō* -(ahee teh o) — asking, begging, craving, strong desire — increased intensity from “earnestly”

- a) persist — Matthew 7:7-8 — ask, seek, knock
- b) agree — Matthew 18:19 — agree with others

- c) abide — John 15:7 — live consistently in His presence
- d) ask not / amiss — James 4:2-3 — wrong motive
- e) Holy Spirit — Luke 11:13 — at work in us

**Asking with strong desire, begging, craving,  
is a FOUNDATIONAL form of praying in the New Testament**

**3. deésomai (deh om ahee) — to beg as binding oneself to —  
to accost — increased intensity from "asking"**

- a) laborers — Matthew 9:37-38 — insight into heart of God
- b) strength — Luke 21:36 — pray always
- c) witness — Acts 4:31 — fill with boldness
- d) lepers for healing, and a father for demon-possessed son
- e) Jesus for Peter — Luke 22:31-32 — Jesus our Intercessor and Great High Priest

**Begging God, binding yourself to Him,  
is a FOUNDATIONAL form of praying in the New Testament**

**4. krázō (kradzo) - to cry out, to scream**

- a) sinking — Matthew 14:30 — "Lord, save me!"
- b) opportunity — Matthew 20:30 — when opportunity knocks
- c) opposed — Matthew 20:31 — by religious multitudes
- d) getting real — Mark 9:24 — "help my unbelief"
- e) unwavering faith — Mark 15:39 and Luke 23:46 — Jesus on cross

**Crying out to God with a scream  
is a valid form of prayer in the New Testament**

**5. kraugázō (krow gad zo) — a loud, vehement, forceful, emotional cry**

- a) deliverance — Matthew 15:22 — when someone needs deliverance
- b) resurrection — John 11:43 — raised Lazarus from dead

**Loud, vehement, forceful, emotional cries  
are valid forms of prayer in the New Testament**

**6. anaboáo (an ab o ah o) - to cry aloud, a halloo, to attract attention**

- a) forsaken — Matthew 27:46 — when feeling forsaken

**To cry with a loud voice to get God's attention  
is a valid form of prayer in the New Testament**

**7. boáo (bo ah o) — to shout tumultuously, a roar, thunderously**

a) persistent — Luke 18:7 — of many, not just individual

**To cry out with tumultuous shouts, roars, thunderously —  
all are valid form of prayer in the New Testament**

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**Prayer for us from Pastor Steve**

Beloved — my hope and prayer is that our personal and corporate prayer times will look much more biblical and way less cultural — that between the 5 Hebrew words surrounding prayer we learned last week, and the 7 Greek words we learned this week, that there will be a shift in us and our prayer lives. And we will go to the next level of passion, desperation, and faith!

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**Challenge for us from Pastor Steve**

If our prayers are going to be filled with passion, our hearts must be filled with desperation. If our prayers are going to be filled with faith, our hearts must be filled with God's Word. Without passion and desperation, without faith in God's Word, we're not really praying, we're merely talking — "Lord teach us to pray!"

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**Discussion Questions**

1. How is the knowledge that there are many types and levels of prayer opening your mind and spirit?
2. We learned that the way Jesus taught us to pray — earnest, steady, sincere, eager — is foundational, and used 87 times in the New Testament. How does your personal prayer life measure up to this most basic kind of prayer?
3. Mark 11:24 is one of the most misunderstood verses in the Bible. Discuss how faith partners with prayer, and how God answers prayer.
4. How does John 15:7 and Matthew 7:7-8 relate to Mark 11:24? Can they be understood apart from each other?
5. Matthew 9:37-38 reveals the passion God has for the lost. What might that mean for yourself, if you begin to pray this prayer with intensity?
6. In the other verses we've been talking about how we need to pray. In Luke 22:31-32 we see how Jesus is our Intercessor and High Priest as, He binds Himself with the Father. Reflect on this Matchless Grace.
7. It is okay to cry out and scream, "Lord, save, me!" Have you ever cried out this prayer?
8. March 9:24 encourages us to be honest when struggling, knowing God is big enough to deal with our honesty. What has happened when you've prayed, "Lord, I believe, help my unbelief?"
9. What circumstances have ever made you cry out with a loud, vehement, forceful, emotional cry?
10. How does Luke 18:7 instruct us, and encourage us?

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**We will pray for requests for one month at our weekly prayer meetings —  
starting Tuesday, February 17th, at 6:30 p.m.**