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NO SIGNAL

Have you ever been in a “dead zone” with your cell phone, and it didn’t work? When I got my first cell phone years ago this happened quite often but since then they have added a lot more towers. There are still times that the “signal drops” and you lose your connection. Most of us get frustrated. I think God uses it as a test to see how we handle it. I fail sometimes and get irritated. What about you?

One thing we can always count on is the signal is always up at God’s end when we pray. In James 5:16 it says, ***“The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.”*** Let’s break this down. Effectual comes from the Greek word “energeo” which means “fervent or mighty, or unceasing”. This kind of prayer is energized with faith. Of course, the word prayer there means request, speaking to God about your needs.

So far this means a fervent prayer request being made to God. Now the next part is interesting. It speaks of a righteous man. The scriptures tell us in Romans 3:10, ***“...There is none righteous, no, not one.”*** If this be true, and scripture cannot lie, then there isn’t anyone righteous enough in their own merits to be able to pray a prayer fervently and get answers.

How sad if there was no way around this. Yet there is! When we receive Jesus as Savior, he makes us righteous. It says in II Corinthians 5:21, ***“For he hath made him (speaking of Jesus) to be sin for us, who knew no sin (Jesus was sinless) that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.”***

God took our sin and gave us his righteousness. So, as a Christian you are seen through God’s eyes as righteous, so now we can pray fervently and know that this prayer will avail much. To avail much means to be strengthened, to be able to prevail. Our prayers prayed in faith fervently (not just a little quoted prayer with no faith) bring results. The results? There is always a receiving end with God. There is never a time when we pray this way that there is no “signal.” We can be confident that he hears us and will answer. It may not always be yes, but there is always an answer from God. He never drops the signal.

Do you pray in faith? That’s great. Your prayers will be mighty with God. If you don’t pray in faith, you can’t expect to receive any answers. You must be passionate in your prayers using your faith and believing God’s promises for any situation you are faced with. Remember, there is never a time that God doesn’t respond to a prayer in faith. His receiving signal is always on, and his line is never busy!