

# Teaching Notes

## The Foundation for Prayer

**Mark 11:12-14 (NLT)** <sup>12</sup> The next morning as they were leaving Bethany, Jesus was hungry. <sup>13</sup> He noticed a fig tree in full leaf a little way off, so he went over to see if he could find any figs. But there were only leaves because it was too early in the season for fruit. <sup>14</sup> Then Jesus said to the tree, "May no one ever eat your fruit again!" And the disciples heard him say it.

**Mark 11:20-25 (NLT)** <sup>20</sup> The next morning as they passed by the fig tree [Jesus] had cursed, the disciples noticed it had withered from the roots up. <sup>21</sup> Peter remembered what Jesus had said to the tree on the previous day and exclaimed, "Look, Rabbi! The fig tree you cursed has withered and died!"

<sup>22</sup> Then Jesus said to the disciples, "Have faith in God. <sup>23</sup> I tell you the truth, you can say to this mountain, 'May you be lifted up and thrown into the sea,' and it will happen. But you must really believe it will happen and have no doubt in your heart. <sup>24</sup> I tell you, you can pray for anything, and if you believe that you've received it, it will be yours. <sup>25</sup> 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."

God is the \_\_\_\_\_ of our \_\_\_\_\_ !

A \_\_\_\_\_ represents a \_\_\_\_\_ that stands in front of us.

Little problems and big problems both require \_\_\_\_\_ .

Praying with authority is \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_ !

Jesus says: \_\_\_\_\_ it and \_\_\_\_\_ it!!

Praying with authority presupposes two things:

One. That I am both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ .

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Being forgiven: I have asked God to \_\_\_\_\_ my sins and to \_\_\_\_\_ me to a right relationship with Him.

Being a forgiver: I have done my part to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ relationships with others.

Two: That I am properly \_\_\_\_\_ with the heart, mind, and will of God.

**James 5:13-18 (NLT)** <sup>13</sup> Are any of you suffering hardships? You should pray. Are any of you happy? You should sing praises. <sup>14</sup> Are any of you sick? You should call for the elders of the church to come and pray over you, anointing you with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup> Such a prayer offered in faith will heal the sick, and the Lord will make you well. And if you have committed any sins, you will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup> Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results. <sup>17</sup> Elijah was as human as we are, and yet when he prayed earnestly that no rain would fall, none fell for three and a half years! <sup>18</sup> Then, when he prayed again, the sky sent down rain and the earth began to yield its crops.

Am I a \_\_\_\_\_ person?