

WHAT ON EARTH ARE YOU DOING AT PRAYER MEETINGS?

Attendance at prayer meetings are often used as a **spiritual barometer** for any church to gauge peoples' spirituality. Like it or not, many churches use attendance at prayer meetings as some kind of "key performance indicators"!

Questions: Who among you are committed to attending church prayer meetings?

Why do you attend prayer meetings?

Your heartfelt answers to this question will determine your willingness to set aside time & energy to be at your church prayer meetings.

An episode in Jacob's life – Genesis 32:6-30

- **JACOB'S PERSISTENCE/stubbornly not letting go!**

The angel said, "Let Me go, for the day has broken."

But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless You bless me." Genesis 32:26

- **JACOB WAS HELPLESS & DESPERATE!**

"Prayer & helplessness are inseparable! Only those who are helpless can truly pray" - Ole Hallesby

A desperate & helpless Christian is the best candidate to see God at work in his own life.

"the effective, fervent (desperate) prayer of a righteous man avails much" James 5:16

- **Jacob was SEEKING GOD exclusively!**

Jacob named the place of wrestling, "Peniel", meaning "For I've seen God face to face..." Genesis 32:30. In other words, Jacob found himself seeking God exclusively during the wrestling match. I believe this is the most valuable outcome in all our praying and seeking – "Seeing God face to face"

We treat God like a "problem solving" machine –

seeking God to have our problems fixed, & when it is done, we "leave God behind"!

Dear friends, why do you come for prayer meetings?

To me, prayer meeting is a time to **seek God's face as a community of believers**. We come together because we want to have an encounter with God Himself!

This is the right attitude when we attend prayer meeting or in doing our devotion or in attending church. Like David, let us affirm,

"One thing I have desired of the Lord, that will I seek...

***That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to
behold the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in His temple" Psalm 27:4***