

Lessons on Prayer!

From Ruth: (Age 12)

Grandpa's Beautiful Example!

When Grandpa came to ask for prayer, that just impressed me so, it just made me cry because he was so humble & so sweet, he humbled himself so much to come down & ask for prayer. It was just so wonderful & beautiful & amazing. The Lord does answer prayer right before our very eyes! It really encouraged my faith that there's hope for me! If Grandpa humbles himself to ask for prayer, how much more should we? It really convicted me, it really made me search my heart because he was so humble & such a sample of humbling himself, how he got down on his hands & knees, which I'm sure must have really hurt his heart, but he did it nevertheless.

He really wanted the victory & it was amazing how soon it was given! What a sample he is to all of us of just stooping down to our level & coming & asking for prayer. It made me love & respect Grandpa so much more, although I did a whole lot before. (See GN 219.)

Foolishness: Distraction to God's Work!

This week we got corrected from Grandpa in the yard because we were all being very very loud & rambunctious. So then Grandpa yelled out his windows, "If you guys don't stop that, you're going to hurt some tiny little tot! And you wouldn't even be able to hear them through all the racket you're making. So please be quiet, you're disturbing me!"

It just really put the fear of the Lord into me, like "LHus for disturbing him & distracting him from his work." It was sort of like an unguarded moment & we just started being silly & rowdy & we disturbed Grandpa! He could have been getting something from the Lord!

Closer Communication with the Lord!

Something that has really changed in my life & I've been so thankful for, is that I have a closer communication with the Lord ever since united prayer for me. It seems like I've just been more consciously praying all the time, like praying without ceasing. I know I should have been doing it before, but I never really did it. But now, like when I pick up something, I pray, "Lord Jesus, please help me not to drop this." Or for example, when I'm going to tell somebody something, I pray, "Lord Jesus, please help this to come across really clear." Or when I pick up the baby, "Amen, Jesus, please help me not to drop her & bless this time I'm

going to have with her"—or with Mary Dear or making the snack or doing the dishes or mopping the floor or cleaning the sink, I just have a much closer relationship with the Lord. So that's been really inspiring & I've been really thankful for that!

Our Priority & Our Job: Prayer for Grandpa!

From Heaven:

Dearest Mama,

I've had some different battles recently, but also there have been many victories!

It was that day when Grandpa came down to ask us all to pray for his heart & how he was so deathly sick & so close to death. In the morning we had a very important lesson & I will quote you a quote that just pins it right down. It says, "Don't let all these nagging little details get your minds & hearts off the end of the road!" Our goal & our work for the Lord, especially at that time, was to really pray for Grandpa, because he was not sleeping well & his heart was hurting & all these things. But all our little contentions & all our little trials were getting in the way of our prayer for Grandpa & were making us not fight for the right things. We were fighting to get our own little selfish victory, but we weren't fighting for the most important thing. We really need to have our priorities straight & not let all those nagging little details get our minds & hearts off our goal & off the end of the road & get so disheartened just because of those little things. But we need to just get the victory, & like the rest of the quote says: "Hit the road again & keep on rolling until we reach the End with the Space King (Jesus) who makes it worth it all."

So that was really a beautiful quote which the Lord led me to, & I was so so convicted & I was so sad that I hadn't been more prayerful for Grandpa, seeing that he had been just about to die actually. So Lord help us. (See GN 219, "Prayer for Dad & Future Farewell".)

