

## ATTITUDE FOR ALTITUDE

### **PRAYING BIG**

1 Chronicles 4:9-10      Jeff Schreve

*And Jabez was more honorable than his brothers, and his mother named him Jabez [sorrow maker] saying, “Because I bore him with pain.” Now Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, “Oh that You would bless me indeed, and enlarge my border, and that Your hand might be with me, and that You would keep me from harm, that it may not pain me!” And God granted him what he requested. 1 Chronicles 4:9-10*

**Jabez was more honorable because of what he prayed.**

**How big do you pray?**

**1. God wants you to pray for big blessings.**

*Oh that You would bless me indeed ... 1 Chronicles 4:10*

**A. God longs to impart supernatural favor upon you.**

*The LORD will command the blessing upon you in your barns and in all that you put your hand to, and He will bless you in the land which the LORD your God gives you. Deuteronomy 28:8*

**\* Don't allow your past to define your future.**

**B. God wants you to trust Him for abundance, not adequacy.**

*I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt; open your mouth wide and I will fill it. Psalm 81:10*

**2. God wants you to pray for big impact.**

*... and enlarge my border [territory, boundary] ... 1 Chronicles 4:10*

**\* God wants to use your life to make a big difference.**

*But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; for you once were not a people, but now you are the people of God; you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. 1 Peter 2:9-10*

### **3. God wants you to pray for His power.**

*... and that Your hand might be with me ... 1 Chronicles 4:10*

#### **A. You and I desperately need God.**

*"I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me, and I in him, he bears much fruit; **for apart from Me you can do nothing.**" John 15:5*

#### **B. You and I can't make it without God.**

*And she said, "The Philistines are upon you, Samson!" And he awoke from his sleep and said, "I will go out as at other times and shake myself free." But he did not know that the LORD had departed from him. Judges 16:20*

### **4. God wants you to pray for His protection.**

*... and You would keep me from evil so it might not hurt me!  
1 Chronicles 4:10 AMP*

#### **A. Sin always brings hurt, pain and destruction.**

*For he who sows to his own flesh (lower nature, sensuality) will from the flesh reap decay and ruin and destruction, but he who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.  
Galatians 6:8 AMP*

#### **B. God wants us to live in victory over sin.**

*Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.  
James 4:7-8*

### **God wants you to pray big and believe.**

*And God granted him what he requested. 1 Chronicles 4:10*