

**Chapel Message—October 4, 1989**  
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I. Introduction.

- A. Prayer has to be the minister's priority or he will never make it.
- B. Subject: how to make it through the ministry no matter how bad it gets.
- C. Text: Joshua 1.

II. God has given us a responsibility, so we will also have promises.

- A. We will have clarity of our call.
- B. We will have the ability to be strong and courageous.
  - 1. This happens by getting on your knees and feeling your helplessness before God.
  - 2. Helplessness is our greatest source of strength.
  - 3. The bottom line is committing oneself to obedience to God.
  - 4. One's responsibility is to grow the church—this happens by teaching men to pray.
  - 5. If you live on your knees, life will not be explainable.
  - 6. Formula for failure: prayerlessness, burden bearing, weariness, discouragement, disillusionment, dropout and disaster.

**Application questions:**

- 1. How have you experienced the power of prayer?  
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- 2. What are things that keep you from praying on a regular basis?  
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- 3. How can you grow in your prayer life in a way that is both practical and measurable? Explain.  
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