Prayers that Resonate with God: Protection

Scripture

- **I John 5:14-15**
  This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him.

- **Genesis 28:20-22**
  Then Jacob made a vow, saying, “If God will be with me and will keep me on this journey that I take, and will give me food to eat and garments to wear, and I return to my father’s house in safety, then the Lord will be my God. This stone, which I have set up as a pillar, will be God’s house, and of all that You give to me I will surely give a tenth to You.

Other Scriptures

- Psalm 131:2
- Ps. 23:4
- James 1:17
- Matt.6:26-29
- Matt. 10:29

Main Points

- It’s powerful to know that your prayers can move God.
- Prayers from the Torah—the first five books of the Bible will be first.
  - Jacob’s prayer—the Lord bless me and keep me.
- One of the needs God put in your heart is that you would depend on Him to keep you.
- God is blessing us, keeping us, and providing for us, no matter our age or place in life.
- God wants us to depend on and trust Him.
- We need to believe, confess, and ask Jesus for His provision.
- In God, there is a safe environment for us.
- Pray to the Lord about your deepest needs.
- Pray with confidence in your Lord.

Discussion Questions

1. What elements of Jacob’s prayer in Genesis 28 resonate with needs in your own life? Have you ever made a promise to God?
2. Does it motivate you toward prayer to realize that God desires for us to ask for what we need, but to believe that He will provide what we need. What happens when your idea of need and His idea of need differ? Can you trust Him? How can you begin to evaluate your prayers and His answers? Begin writing down specific needs that you are praying for, with dates when answered. What a great faith building exercise this can be.

3. Doubt and fear are removed by looking back on His faithfulness in your past. Create your own history book of your relationship with God.