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Praying in the Name of Jesus

John 14:8-14

Series: (Re)Discovering the Power of Persistent Prayer

Central Passage

John 14:12–14 (ESV) — **12** "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; **and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father.** **13** Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. **14** **If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.**

Central Thought: Praying in the name of Jesus is aligning ourselves in faith with the continuing work of Jesus for the glory of God and the good of our neighbors near and far.

- ❖ Praying in the name of Jesus begins with knowing who Jesus really is – God in human form – and believing in him.

Hebrews 1:3 (ESV) — **3** *He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power...*

Colossians 1:15 (NLT) — **15** *Christ is the visible image of the invisible God...*

John 14:8–11 (ESV) — **8** Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." **9** Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? **10** Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. **11** Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

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- ❖ Praying in the name of Jesus is about joining Jesus on his mission, not getting him to join ours.

James 4:2–3 (ESV) — ...*You do not have, because you do not ask. 3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.*

Luke 9:23 (ESV) — **23** *And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.*

- ❖ Praying in the name of Jesus is about being filled with his Spirit to carry his work to the whole world. (This is the "greater works" of John 14:12).

John 14:25–26 (ESV) — **25** "These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. **26** But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

Acts 1:6–8 (ESV) — **6** *So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?"* **7** He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. **8** But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Homework

- ❖ Finish Red Moon Rising. (Copies available via Amazon and other major retailers in print and digital form).
- ❖ Prayerfully read the passages above in their context.
- ❖ Pray! – Individually, and corporately, in the name of Jesus seeking his will, God's glory and the good of your neighbors.

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