**Prayer- Week 1**

**In order for us to all begin to pray more effective prayers, we need to take a more realistic look at ourselves.**

***8 And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I (Isaiah) said, “Here I am! Send me.”* Isaiah 6:8**

***9 And he (God) said, “Go, and say to this people: “‘Keep on hearing, but do not understand; keep on seeing, but do not perceive.’ 10  Make the heart of this people dull, and their ears heavy, and blind their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their hearts, and turn and be healed.”* Isaiah 6:9-10**

***11 Then I (Isaiah) said, “How long, O Lord?” Isaiah 6:11a***

***And he (God) said: “Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people, and the land is a desolate waste,12 and the Lord removes people far away, and the forsaken places are many in the midst of the land. 13 And though a tenth remain in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak, whose stump remains when it is felled. The holy seed is its stump.* Isaiah 6:11b-13**

**Are you ready for the accountability that comes with a significant prayer life?**

**When is the last time you asked God how he wants you to change?**

***Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence*  Isaiah 64:1**

***all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away.* Isaiah 64:6 NIV**

**This week our prayers must be most focused on the inner life.**

***16 I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, 17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, 18 having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, 19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might* Ephesians 1:16-19**

**We are the greatest obstacle to knowing the fullness and richness of God.**

**Until the eyes of our hearts are enlightened, we can avoid the conversations with God that are most important.**

**If the eyes of our hearts are enlightened we will have no choice than to replace our passions and desires for the passions and desires of God.**

**Home work-** **Keep a notebook or personal journal and write down what God tells you. First ask;**

* ***God who do you want me to be?* Then ask;**
* ***What do I need to get rid of in my life to be who you want me to be?***