**Sermon Outline for February 19, 2017**

1. **Devoted to Prayer** by Pastor Gary London

Acts 2:42-47, “They ***devoted*** themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and ***to prayer***. Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.”

1. **Four Keys to Effective Prayer**

Mark 14:32-36, “They went to a place called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to His disciples, ‘Sit here while I pray.’ He took Peter, James and John along with Him, and He began to be deeply distressed and troubled. ‘My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death,’ He said to them. ‘Stay here and keep watch.’ Going a little farther, He fell to the ground and prayed that if possible the hour might pass from Him. ***‘Abba, Father,’*** *He said,* ***‘everything is possible for You.******Take this cup from Me. Yet not what I will, but what You will.”***

1. **First Key: Intimacy** “Abba, Father.”

Romans 8:15, You received the Spirit of sonship (adoption). And by Him we cry, Abba.”

1. **Second Key: Faith** “Everything is possible for You.”

Mark 1:40-42, “A man with leprosy came to Him and begged Him on his knees, ‘If You are willing, You can make me clean.’ Filled with compassion, Jesus reached out His hand and touched the man. ‘I am willing,’ He said. ‘Be clean!’ Immediately the leprosy left him and he was cured.”

1. **Third Key: Boldness** “Take this cup from Me.”

Hebrews 4:16, “Let us approach the throne of grace with boldness (PARRESIA), so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.”

1. **Fourth Key: Submission** “Yet not what I will, but what You will.”
2. **Grace Fellowship Vision Statement:** We are a united body of believers, young and old, vitally connected to God through worship and prayer, living a sacrificial and surrendered lifestyle, turning the world upside down with Jesus.

Isaiah 56:7, “I will give them joy in My house of prayer…for My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations.”

Colossians 4:2, “Devote yourselves to prayer.”

1. Prayer Groups: Sunday 8:30AM Chapel various leaders

Monday 6:00AM Chapel led by Corky Morrison

Tuesday TBA

Wednesday 6:15PM Rm A-2 led by Abby Weh

Thursday Noon Chapel led by Anita London

1st Friday Impact 5:55PM at church led by Pastor Gary

2nd Friday Pro-Life 5:15PM at church led by Serena Weh, Rebekah Padilla

3rd Friday Outreach TBA led by Karen Knudson

4th Friday 11PM-1AM led by Rebekah Padilla, Serena Weh

Other Expressions of a Praying Church:

* The Prayer Wall (prayer chain for Grace Fellowship) – contact Pastor Gary
* The Weekly Prayer Guide (produced by Faith Proctor) – contact church office
* NM Prays (prayer for the state of New Mexico) – contact Pastor Gary
* US Pray 100 (prayer for our President and our Nation) – contact Pastor Gary
* E3 Missions Prayer: Mexico **/** Kurds in Iraq **/** Israel – info in literature rack
* Prophecy and Healing prayer ministry teams – contact Anita London
* Corporate Fasting & Prayer (dates TBA for January; April; July; October)
* Altar response ministry prayer teams – contact Anita London
* Harp & Bowl worship & prayer with the Word teams – contact Pastor Gary

**NOTES:**