



Chapter Six: Devotional Seven

Hello Friend!

Welcome to week four of the study "Leveling the Praying Field" based on the book by Donna L. Barrett. Can you believe we are over halfway already? We hope you are growing in your prayer life. This week we will cover Chapters Six and Seven. So let's get started with the video and then the devotional!



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Connect Directly with God's Spirit in Prayer

Often, we have no idea of the correct way to pray. It can feel like having one or two pieces of an intricate puzzle with no picture on the box for reference. Although our human understanding is limited, our all-knowing God sees the future and knows how to work all things out for our good!

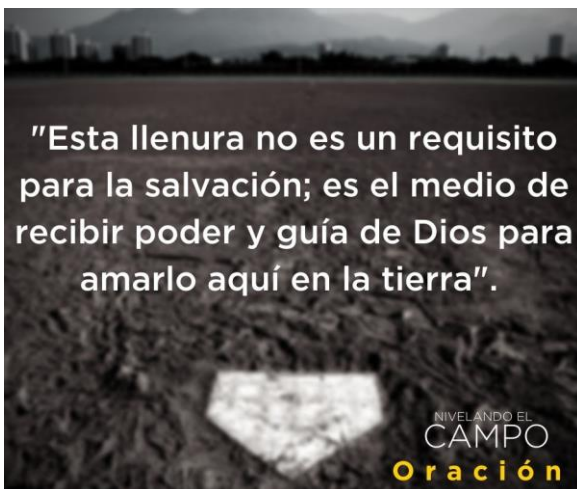
Jesus understood our limitations and made a way for us to connect with God through His spirit. "And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don't know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groaning that cannot be expressed in words. And the Father who knows all hearts knows what the Spirit is saying, for the Spirit pleads for us believers in harmony with God's own will" (Romans 8:26-27, NLT).

In Chapter Six, Donna Barrett, explains the difference between receiving the Holy Spirit at salvation and receiving the baptism in the Holy Spirit. The experience of the baptism in the Holy Spirit is accompanied by a prayer language. She explains the prayer language received with baptism in the Holy Spirit this way:

Excerpt from Leveling the Praying Field:

"As we seek God, He baptizes us in the Holy Spirit, and we speak in tongues, not as a onetime event but as a tool to help us any time we pray. If this baptism doesn't come the first time you seek it from God, you've still been victorious because you've spent time seeking God. Don't back away or give up. Keep asking for the Baptism and, more importantly, keep seeking the Baptizer, God. After that first encounter with the Spirit of God, we have the choice to speak in tongues (and stop) whenever and wherever we want." P. 103

God has given every believer access to this prayer language. The only requirement to receive this prayer language is a repentant, open heart for all He has for you.



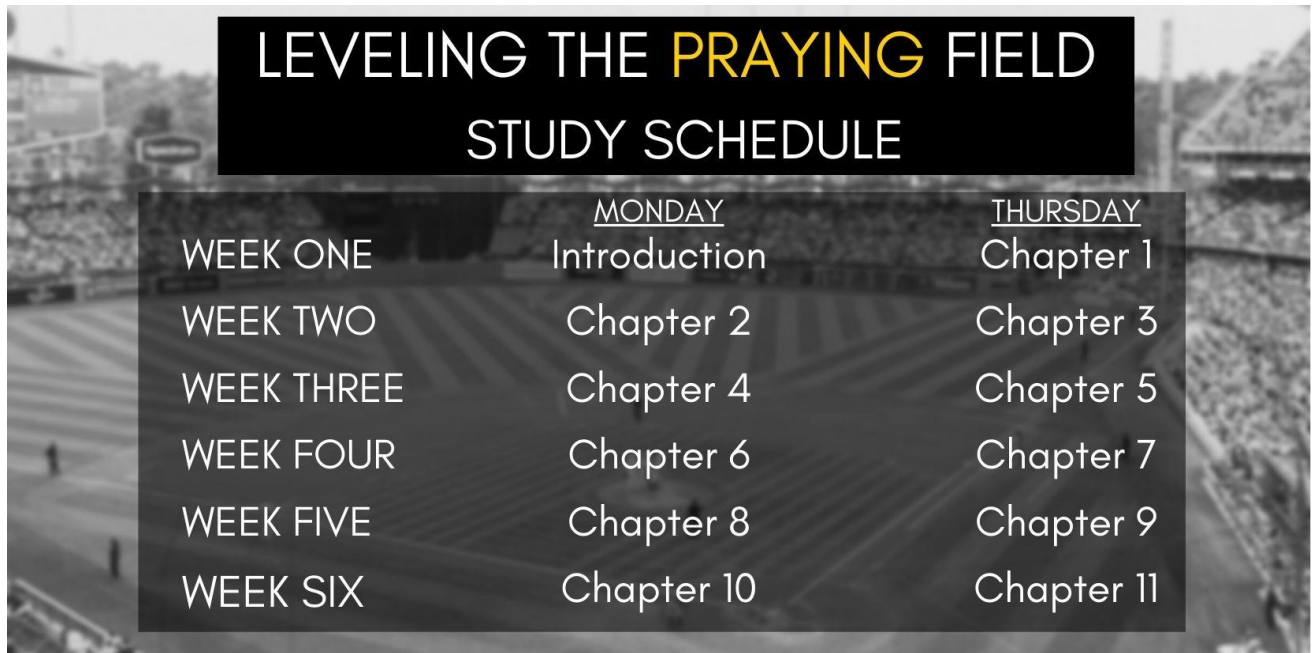
Prayer:

Lord, help me to pray in the spirit! Place a desire to exercise the prayer language you have for me daily. I desire to operate in all the gifts of the Spirit you have for me. Amen

Reflection Questions:

- 1) How does a prayer language help us know with certainty that we are praying the will of God?
- 2) How does praying in tongues help us to level the praying field?

Key Thought – *Trust God to give you a prayer language if you haven't received it yet. If you have already experienced this gift, exercise it daily in prayer.*



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