## Spiritual Care Message:

- 1. PRAYER IS: giving our Father His right to direct and control all things.
- 2. PRAYER IS: believing His Word and watching as He unfolds His action in those areas we have brought to Him for attention.
- 3. PRAYER IS: submission to His will in everything.
- 4. PRAYER IS: kneeling before Him for His plan and direction—which is living out His principles in practicality. The great principle He shows us first and foremost is that new life always comes from death. This is why the Apostle Paul said to those who worked alongside him, "death in me in order that there be life in you". Jesus was first in this at Calvary...death to bring life to all people who move into this gift. Paul preached this to those workers who wanted to carry out discipleship in Christ. It is only in the resurrection power of Christ that He can use us to break down strongholds and set prisoners free. This is God's work through us...'Without Him, we can do nothing'...

What does Jesus say?

"If any person will come after Me, he must...

Deny himself
Take up his cross
Follow Me!..."

- 5. PRAYER IS: trusting the Father to break down the strongholds, bind the enemy, bring His Kingdom into the arena of prayer, and establish His Throne.
- 6. PRAYER IS: standing with the Father...He waits and watches for that in His Throne-room. "...having done all, stand!"
- 7. PRAYER IS: struggling with setbacks that often come, with what may appear as lost battles, until His victory is secure. This is spiritual warfare we are told will be part of our prayer life.

## With Prayer:

Father, as a child, I ask you to teach me not only to pray but to understand your teaching about prayer from your Word...that I may become an effective tool in your ministry to those around me...to your world at large. Amen.

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