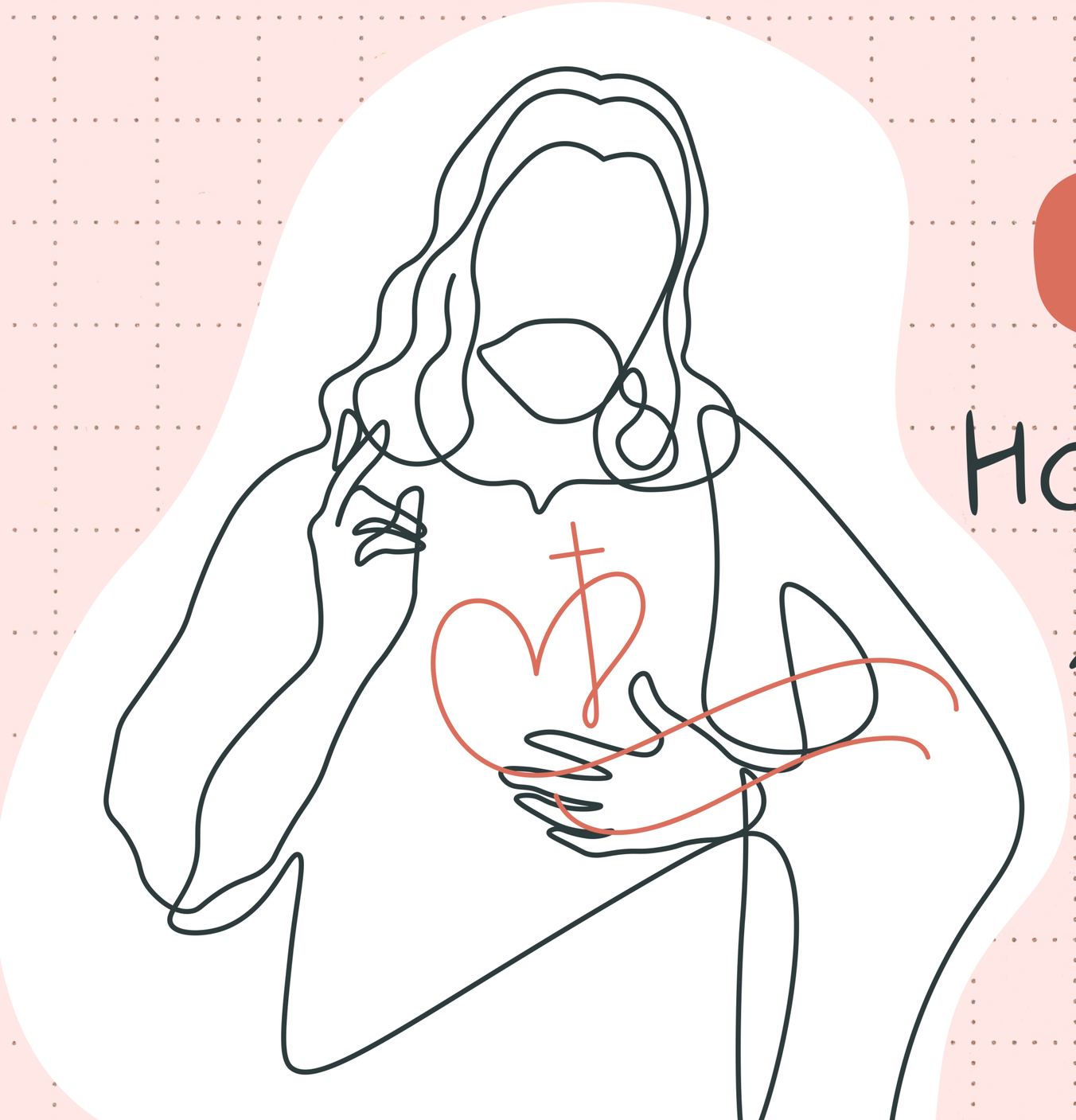
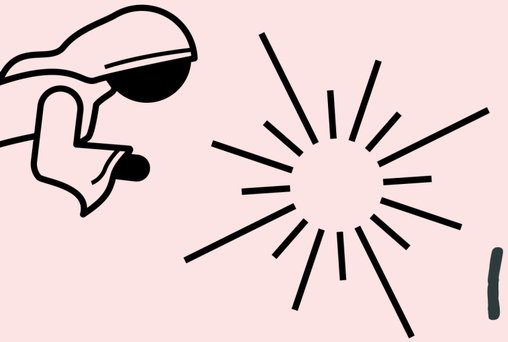


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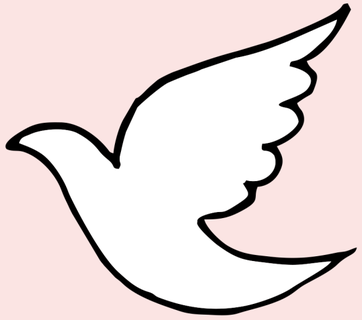
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# Scripture Lesson: I Kings 17:17-24 (NET)





17:17 After this the son of the woman who owned the house got sick. His illness was so severe he could no longer breathe.



17:19 She asked Elijah, “Why, prophet, have you come to me to confront me with my sin and kill my He said to her, “Hand me your son.” He took him from her arms, carried him to the upper room where he was staying, and laid him down on his bed.



17:21 He stretched out over the boy three times and called out to the Lord, “O Lord, my God, please let this boy’s breath return to him.”

17:20 Then he called out to the Lord, “O Lord, my God, are you also bringing disaster on this widow I am staying with by killing her son?”



17:23 The Lord answered Elijah's prayer; the boy's breath returned to him and he lived. 17;27 Elijah took the boy, brought him down from the upper room to the house, and handed him to his mother. Elijah then said, "See, your son is alive!"



17:24 The woman said to Elijah,
"Now I know that you are a
prophet and that the Lord really
does speak through you."

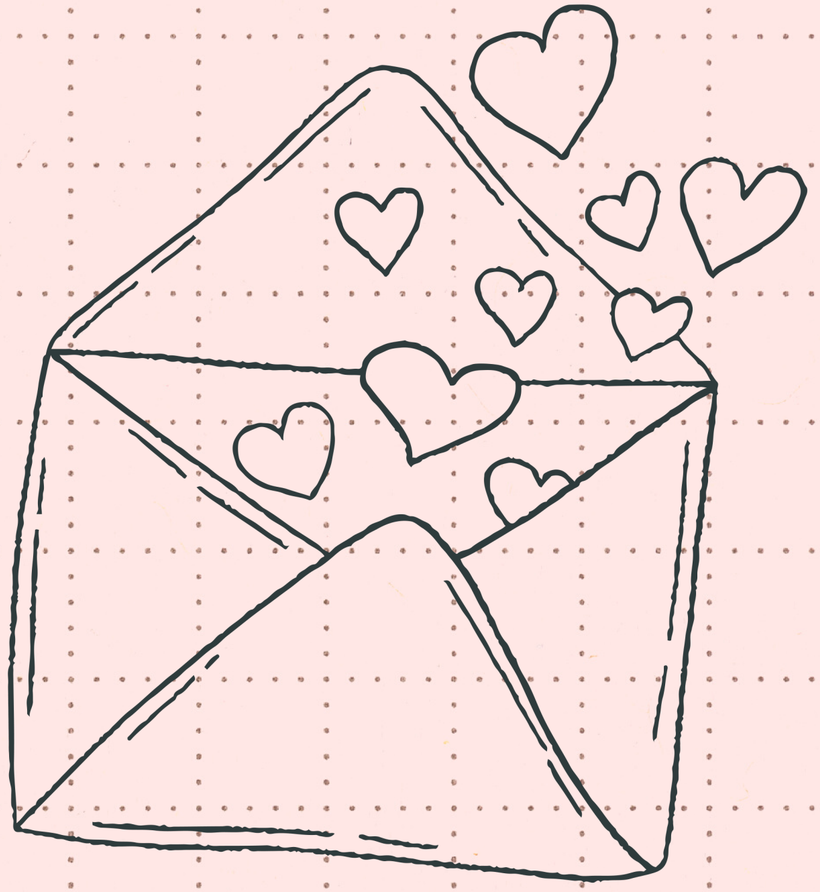
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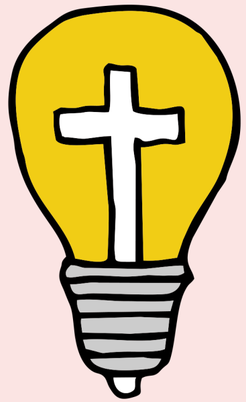
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# Message

“Prayer is not preparation for the great work. Prayer is the great work!”



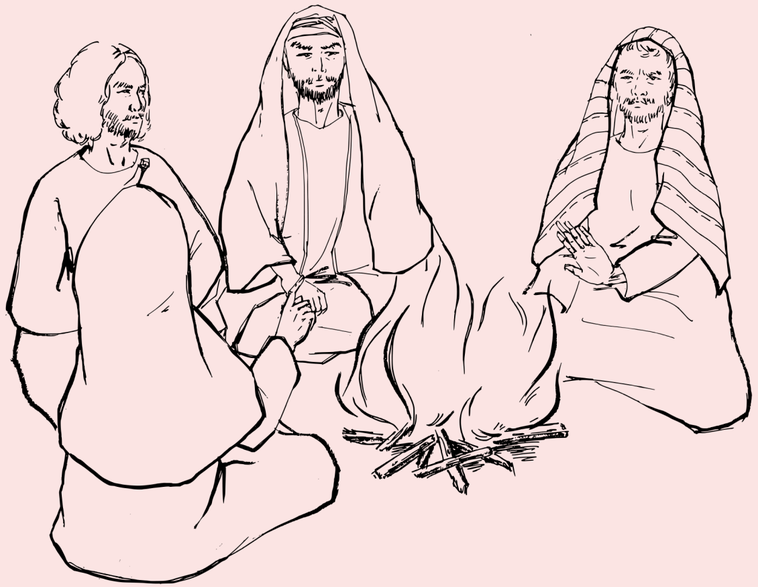
I. To Develop a Powerful Prayer Life, We Must Develop Strong Faith.



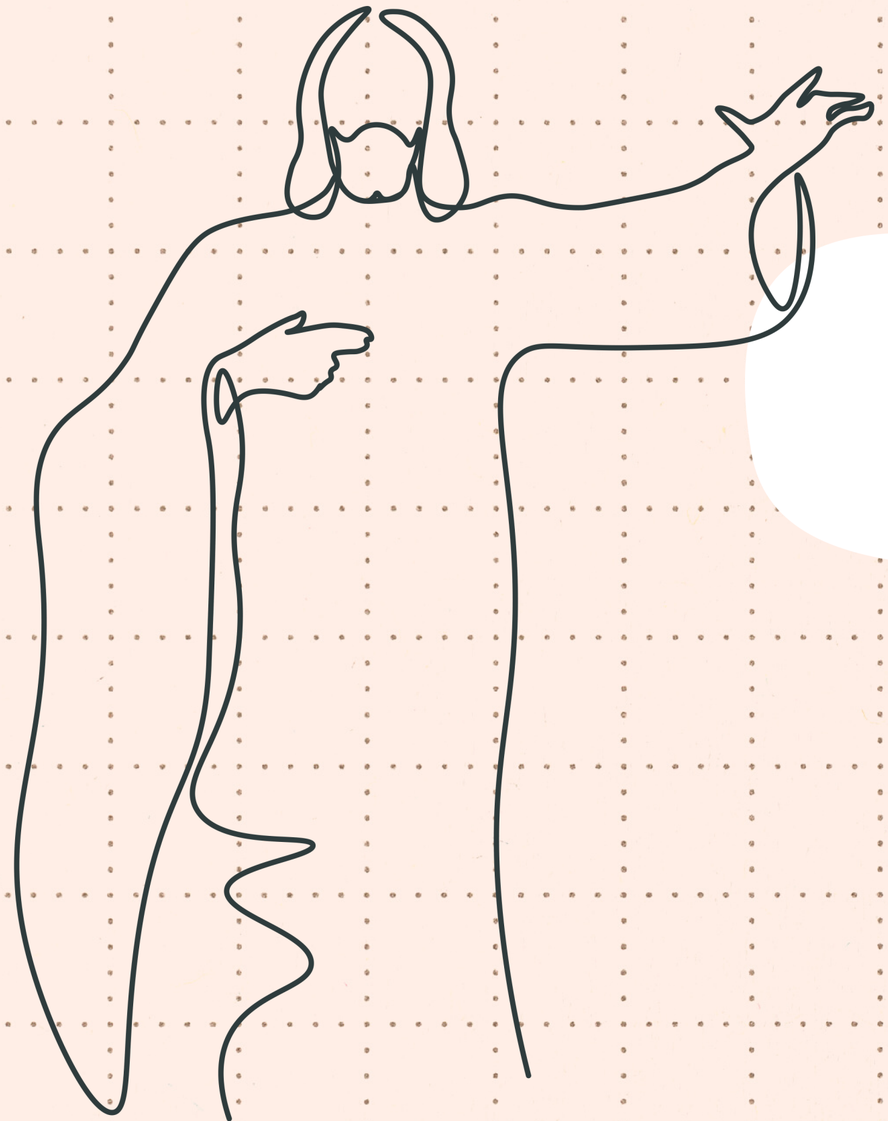
James 1:68,  But he must ask in faith without doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed around by the wind. For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord, since he is a doubleminded individual, unstable in all his ways.

a. Our faith grows by knowing God's Word.

1Romans 10:17




b. Our faith grows through
disciplined praying

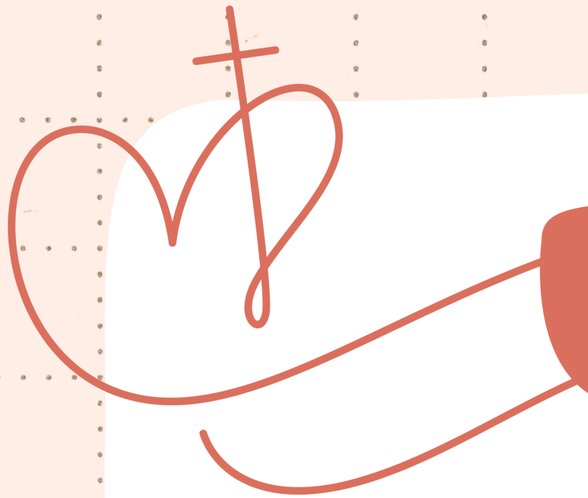


c. Our faith grows as we repent of things hurting our relationship with God.

I JOHN 1:9 26

d. Our faith grows as we develop a history with God.

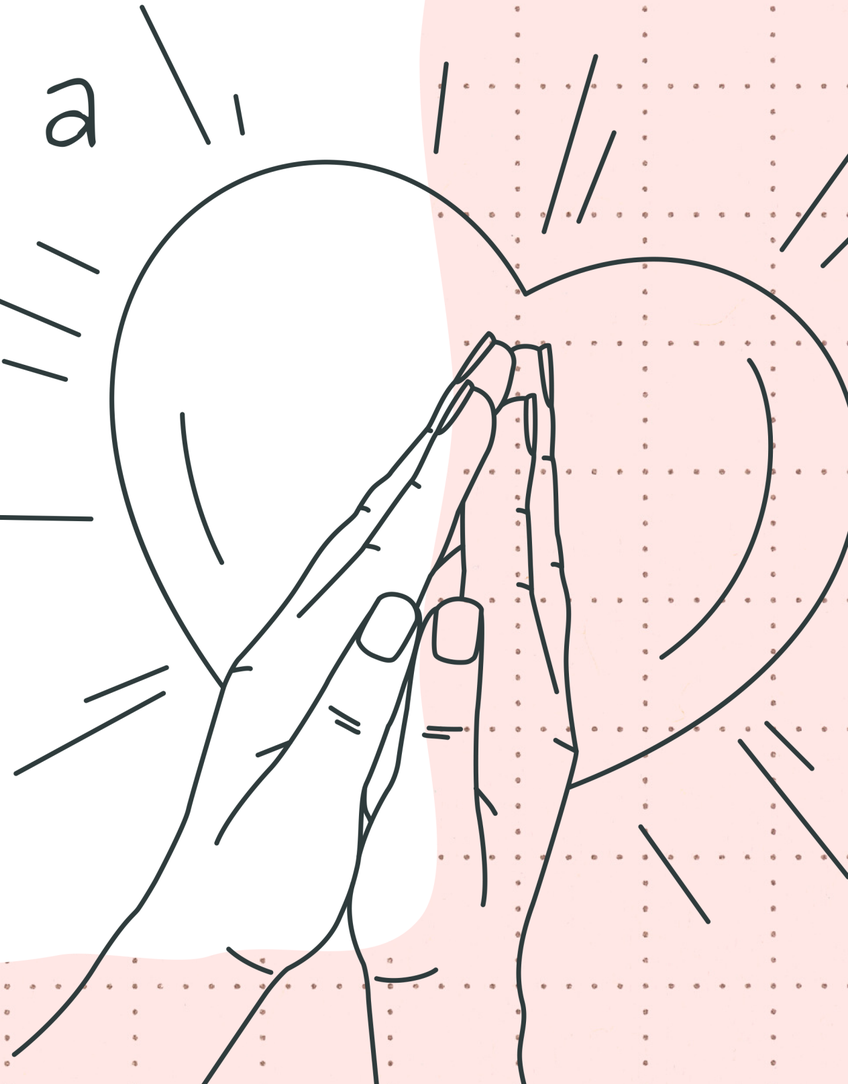




## MATTHEW 6:56,

Whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, because they love to pray while standing in synagogues and on street corners so that people can see them. Truly I say to you, they have their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret. And your father, who sees in secret, will reward you.

# III. To Develop a Powerful Prayer Life, We Must Develop Empathy.



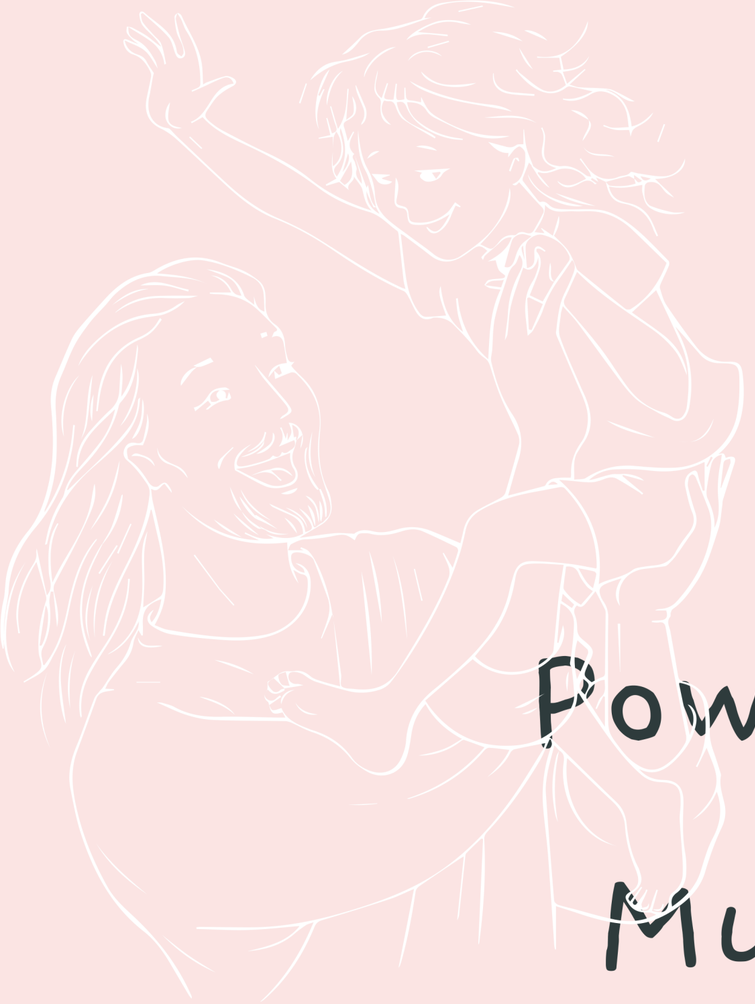
a. To develop empathy, we should touch those who are hurting.

b. To develop empathy, we must walk with the Lord.

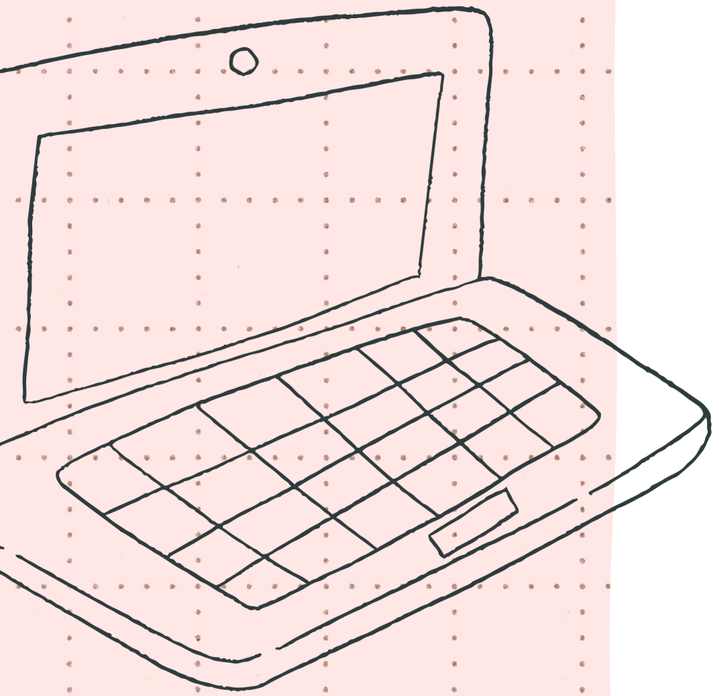
c. To develop empathy, we must pray specifically for it.



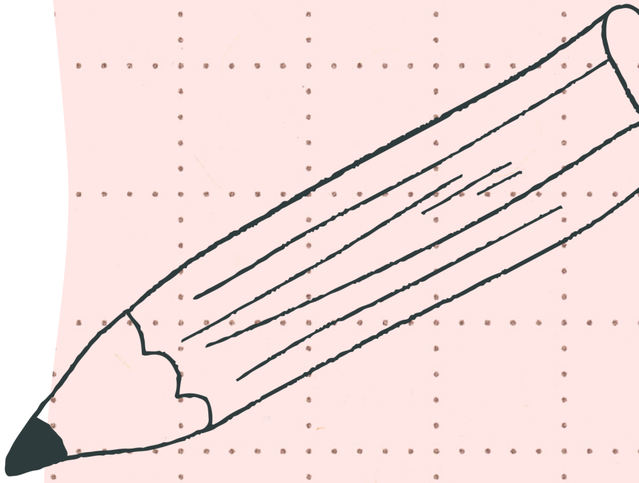
# IV. To Develop a Powerful Prayer Life, We Must Practice Persistent Prayer.



# V. To Develop a Powerful Prayer Life, We Must Practice Fervency in Prayer.



Fervent prayer is simply genuine prayer that includes effort, sacrifice, and focus



"Be careful what you pray for because when you pray for rain, you have to deal with the mud as well."

