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**John 14:13-14**

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“Whatever you ask in My name,  
this I will do,  
that the Father may be glorified in the Son.  
If you ask Me anything in My name,  
I will do it.”

“I asked God for a million dollars, and He never gave it to me. I even asked it in Jesus’ name but still the million dollars never showed up. I mean, Jesus said to ask, so I asked.”

You may have guessed it, but this scripture is often misunderstood. It isn’t a magic formula to get anything that you want from God.

When we pray, we typically end our prayers with “In Jesus name, Amen” but this isn’t some tagline or Abracadabra to get everything that you want.

In fact, many theologians suggest that this should be at the beginning of our prayers to signifies who we are in Christ. By saying it in the beginning, we are acknowledging that we have entered into a relationship and Lordship with Jesus, therefore having full access to the Father and His Kingdom. Then the words we speak afterwards are all in agreement and alignment with Christ.

Basically, it should cause us to pause and say, “is what I’m asking in Jesus’ name the kind of thing that Jesus would ask for in this given situation”.

When we pray, we must believe that our prayers actually can make a difference. That God is willing and able to answer our prayers. By praying, we are asking God to do something only He can do in the world or in us, by His power and might. And whether we begin or end with saying “in Jesus name”, this phrase should make us stop and check our heart posture. Are my words in alignment with what Jesus would want? Is my heart in alignment with Jesus’ desires? Are my actions the actions that Jesus would have me do? Asking for something “In Jesus’ name” should trigger us to do a heart check to make sure that we are praying with right motives instead of just name dropping to get what we want when we want it.

READ:

John 14: 1-14

Psalms 19:14

REFLECT:

- Do you pray with confidence that God will answer your prayers?
- Are you praying for something that God has already given you the ability to do or achieve?
- Do a heart check on yourself. Is your heart, words, and actions in alignment with what Jesus would want? If not, what area do you struggle with the most? How can the Holy Spirit help you in this area?

PRAYER:

Father God, thank You that I can come to Your throne boldly in prayer and trust that You are willing and able to answer my requests. Holy Spirit check my heart and create in me a clean heart and a heart that only desires the things of You. Show me where I need improvement and give me the strength to make these changes needed in my life. In Jesus name I pray. Amen.