

FEBRUARY 1

## “SOMETHING ALWAYS HAPPENS WHEN WE PRAY.”

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### **READ**

*Romans 8:26-27*

I have heard many times, “Prayer changes things.” Do we really believe that prayer changes things? Is that what prayer is about? Having things changed? If that is what it’s all about, it’s not happening very much. How many times have you had a need in your life, you prayed, and nothing changed? But prayer is real, prayer is a privilege, and prayer is a commandment. Something happens when prayer is offered up, but what? Prayer changes me. It is not things that need to be changed; it is me that needs to change. The Lord Jesus prostrated Himself in the Garden and prayed, “Father, if it is possible for Me to do this any another way, let it be so, nevertheless not My will but Thine be done.” Jesus did not bypass the cross. He suffered as no man has ever suffered, and it was God’s will. God has a predetermined plan. When I pray, I am not trying to convince an indecisive God to do something on my behalf. What I experience when I pray is that I begin to line up with God’s will. My spirit lines up with God’s Spirit, and my ways line up with God’s ways, to make sure that I fall in line with the perfect will of a perfect God.

### **PRAY**

God, please break, tear, and pull away everything in me that resists letting You be God in my life. Holy Spirit, guide me to pray according to the will of God, remembering that what I want is always inferior to what You have planned for me.

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