

WEEK OF PRAYER WEDNESDAY #BVWOP

THE FIG TREE

Don't forget that you can sign up for an hour prayer slot here:

24-7prayer.com/signup/6e366c

Mark

11:12-14 & 20-25

REFLECTIONS

A lesson from this story is that God is looking for spiritual fruit (Galatians 5:22-23). Using this passage reflect with God on how to increase your spiritual fruitfulness, maybe today as you eat any kind of fruit, ask God to increase in you one of the spiritual fruits mentioned in Galatians.

Jesus says we can move mountains if we truly believe. What are the 'mountains' in your life that you need breakthrough in?

THOUGHTS ON TODAY'S PASSAGE

How did Jesus know the tree was barren? When a fig tree is in leaf it should also be bearing fruit. Therefore to see a tree in leaf with no fruit would indicate the tree is barren.

The fig tree was a symbol for Israel of prosperity and blessing (see Jeremiah 8:13 & Hosea 9:10). A barren tree symbolised judgement and rejection.

By cursing the fig tree for being fruitless and cleansing the temple (Mark 11:15-19) Jesus was pronouncing his coming judgement and his power to carry it out.

'Beware in your prayers, above everything else, of limiting God, not only by unbelief, but by fancying that you know what He can do. Expect unexpected things above all that we ask or think.'

(Andrew Murray)

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PRAYER TOOL FOR FAMILIES

Go and look at a tree (ideally one that bears fruit, but if you can't find one don't worry). Guess how high the tree is and how deep it's roots go. Have a race to run the distance from the trunk to where you think the roots go. Then come together under the tree and pray that you will all grow big and strong like the tree with Jesus.