

IN THE LIGHT

THE EPISTLES OF JOHN

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

1 John 5:13-15
Matthew 6:9-13
Matthew 7:7-8
John 14:12-14
James 4:3
Philippians 4:6

Confidence in God

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- Even those with the strongest faith need reassurance sometimes.
- In 1 John 5:14, John says "if you ask anything according to God's will, He hears you."
- Jesus teaches two things about praying:
 - Don't pray to be seen by others.
 - Don't think the more flowery the prayer the better.
- As Methodists we believe in free will. We believe God gives room for our wills to impact the world.
- In the Lord's Prayer, Jesus tells us to pray for God's Will to be worked out around us.
- It is through prayer that you surrender over your version of life for God's version.
- When you seek God out... telling God what you need but asking for His Will to ultimately be done... over time what you want becomes what God wants.
- John Wesley says, "Faith anticipates the blessings."
- Asking for something by invoking the name of Jesus is the same as praying in alignment with God's Will.
- In James 4:3, Jesus' brother writes "When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures."
- Peace, assurance, strength, endurance, forgiveness, and mercy are always part of God's Will on earth as it is in heaven.