June 22, 2012
Sligo e-weekend Newsletter
"When All You Can Do Is Pray"

Dear Lexie,

When was the last time you heard someone say, "Well, I guess all I can do is pray?" Whether that person realizes it or not, in essence, he or she is saying that after they have exhausted every other resource at their disposal to solve the problem, but to no avail, now they are finally ready to give prayer a chance; but mind you, only as a last resort. How many of us at some time in our lives have expressed that same sentiment? We may not have used those exact words, but the sentiment was still the same. After we have tried every other means to obtain the answer to our dilemma, now we are finally willing to give prayer a chance.

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I can understand this sentiment being echoed by someone who doesn't believe in the power of prayer, but it seems to be expressed mostly by those who profess to be in a vital relationship with God. Why would anyone who professes to believe in prayer turn to it only when all else has failed? Could it be that many professed Christians don't possess an accurate understanding of what this thing called "prayer" is really all about?

I believe that the problem for many of us is that we haven't grasped an understanding of the power or the purpose that prayer plays in our lives. Sadly, for many of us, prayer is often relegated
Several years ago I decided to create my own working definition of prayer and it has since revolutionized my prayer life. My definition of prayer is simply this: "Prayer is inviting God, who happens to be the most powerful force in the universe, to intervene in the affairs of my life, knowing that He has my best interest at heart."

If I truly believe that whenever I pray I am granting the most powerful force in the universe permission to intervene in every aspect of my life, knowing that He will only do what's in my best interest, why in the world would I ever use this powerful resource merely as a last resort? The question that you need to ask yourself today is: "Why should I?"

Charles A. Tapp
Senior Pastor
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