

Witnessing the Power of Prayer

Episode #1

Hip to Hip; Hand in Hand

Barbara and Jessica Maxwell were twins and best friends; They were always found together. They dressed alike and were very agreeable, despite their differences.

Barbara was considerably quiet, sort of shy, and liked the color magenta. On the other hand, Jessica was very talkative, popular, boisterous; while a tomboy at heart, she loved the color yellow. All these differences and they still were best of friends all through their school days. One day, however, Jessica ran for school president and won. Everyone was pleased, but soon people started to wonder, “Why does Jessica still hang out with Barbara? After all, she is the highest ranking student in the school.” When Jessica heard about the rumors, she slowly stopped associating herself with her twin and, Barbara was suddenly left friendless. On day in chapel, the school pastor gave a story:

“Prayer and Patience”

Prayer and Patience belonged together. They were spectacular friends for a very long time. They always worked on projects together, with teamwork as the key.

People always came to them for help. But the day their friendship ended was horrible; that day someone said, “Why does patience have to be associated with prayer? They have nothing to do with each other.”

Moral: Patience is required when waiting for answers to prayer. They work hand in hand.

What does this have to do with me? (Write answers on a separate sheet of paper)

1. What was the relationship between Jessica and Barbara? Why did it end?
2. How is the connection between prayer and patience similar to that of the twins in the analogy?
3. Discussion Q: Why does prayer need patience and vice versa? What can happen if they are separated?
4. Think of a situation that would require being patient for an answer to prayer. Can you think of any Biblical story that does?
5. Read John 11 in entirety. Why was it necessary for Mary and Martha to wait for Jesus’ arrival?
6. Encourage anyone who is waiting for an answer to prayer and remind them that God is always on time.