



High Meadow Ranch Men's Bible Study

Pray as They Prayed Series (January through May 2026)

Lesson #10: Chapters 29 through 32

Main Idea

Well, we've finished the series! Thank you for being part of this series. I know we've all been impacted. I expect every Believer desires to have a deeper prayer life, regardless of how long we have been following Jesus. *Pray as They Prayed: A Guide to the Bible's Greatest Prayers* by Dr. Jeff Wells invites readers to deepen their prayer life by walking through some of Scripture's most powerful prayers. Jeff explores key prayers from both the Old and New Testaments, unpacking their context, heart, and relevance for today. By studying these Biblical conversations with God from those who have gone before us, this book offers encouragement, practical insights, and renewed passion for authentic prayer. My prayer for our HMR Men's Bible Study is that we develop a passion for persistent prayer, the kind that will change the lives of men and families in our neighborhood. The men of High Meadow Ranch need Jesus and our prayers will make the difference!

Provided below is a preliminary schedule for this series. Numbers in parentheses are chapters in the book.

Tues., January 6 th (1-3)	Tues., February 17 th (10-12)	Tues., April 7 th (19-21)	Tues., May 26 th 19th (29-32)
Tues., January 13 th (4-6)	Tues., March 3 rd (13-15)	Tues., April 21 st (22-24)	
Tues., February 3 rd (7-9)	Tues., March 17 th (16-18)	Tues., May 19 th 5th (25-28)	

Questions for Consideration

Chapter 29 – The Prayer of Epaphras

1. One of my favorite sayings is, "Work as if it all depended on you, and pray as if it all depended on God." In this chapter Jeff discusses how Epaphras "struggled" in his prayer, reflecting an earnestness and intentionality. What does it communicate to God when we pray in this way?

2. How does it make you feel when you know someone is "struggling" in prayer for you? With the modern ability to text each other, it is amazing how we can tell people we're praying for them in "real time."

Chapter 30 – A Way of Life

3. The verse for this chapter is 1 Thessalonians 5:17 – *Pray without ceasing*. If we all maintained a "perpetual prayer mindset" how would our lives be different, including our struggles and interactions with others?



4. On page 162 we read the following quote, "The cell phone is a great tool. But it is a bad master." I think we all know how true that is and we're all old enough to remember life before cell phones!
 - a. Make a list of things that can distract us from prayer?

 - b. What are things you do where prayer could be integrated? For me running and mowing are great times of focus and prayer.

Chapter 31 - Thanksgiving

5. It's interesting that 1 Thessalonians 5:18 (*Give thanks in all circumstances*) follows 1 Thessalonians 5:17 (*Pray without ceasing*). Why would Paul have placed these two statements together and what happens when they're done together?

6. I thought the statement on Page 166 about atheists was very powerful. It especially meant a great deal to me as I had three Partners at ADV Integrity who very much resembled this statement and were often a huge discouragement to me. Have you ever known a very negative person who struggles showing gratitude and how this might apply to them? How did it impact your relationships with them?

It has been pointed out that the problem with atheists is that the atheist has no one to thank when he feels grateful for life's good things. Imagine an atheist who has a twenty-five-year-old son who escaped the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. Everything in him wants to thank God, but he has denied himself that God even exists.

Chapter 32 – Great Power

7. Read James 5:16, *The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective*. How does this verse make you feel in terms of your prayer life and how you might be viewed by God? Are you encouraged or discouraged by it?

8. I thoroughly enjoyed this series. Of all the studies we've done over the past nine years together, this might be my favorite. I thought Jeff did a great job integrating Scripture into every lesson and providing practical insights and application on how prayer changes our lives and the lives of those around us. Name three (3) things you took from this study and how your prayer life is different than it was in December 2026 (before we started this series)? Love you guys!

