

## SPIDER WEB

-Ryan Parsons-

A few days ago, early in the morning, I walked through a 7-foot doorway between my dining and living room holding my laptop and a cup of coffee. I was a little surprised to walk through a multi-strand spider web created in less than 8 hours. It was dark, and I was a bit perturbed. However, I quickly became inspired. I asked myself: "What did that spider think he was going to catch?" Clearly, he was casting a giant web in hopes of something big.

Do we pray like that?

A man once reflected that "the greatest tragedy in life is the prayers that go unanswered because they go unasked." He continues to say, "Bold prayers honor God, and God honors bold prayers. God isn't offended by your biggest dreams or boldest prayers. He is offended by anything less. If your prayers aren't impossible to you, they are insulting to God. Why? Because they don't require divine intervention. But ask God to make the sun stand still...and God is moved to omnipotent action." Mark Batterson

Jesus himself implored his disciples:

### **John 15**

7 If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

Likewise, we have been promised:

### **1 Peter 3:12**

For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."

Are we like the spider? Do we dream big (whatever you wish)? Then, when those spiritual aspirations come to our hearts, do we ask God? It says he hears with open ears!

Thinking about the Kingdom of God, what are your biggest dreams? What do you wish would change in our families, community, congregation, and world? What do you wish God would do today to bring his power, healing, and salvation to you and the world around you? Do we believe God hears us and that he can do anything? Our prayers prove what we believe.

Build your giant web...of prayer and stand back to see what God is going to do!

Keep Studying,  
Ryan