

**A Determined Faith:
Conquering the Common Prayer Syndrome**

Job 27:1-6

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Introduction: One of the strangest things about all that Job's friends have said is that not once have they ever spoken to God directly. Job on the other hand, prays to God, complains to God, and fights with God. For Job praying was all part of the healing process. How did Job appear so calm and patient through this whole ordeal? The answer lies in his prayer life. Unfortunately for most of us our prayer life is a bit lacking. For most of us, our prayers fall into a shallow, thoughtless and redundant rut. I don't know about you, but I know I'm really tired of those nice little prayers. Those sorry prayers dominate our lives to a fault! The question tonight is how do I conquer the common prayer syndrome? The answer is really is not that complex. The way to do this is by having a close walk with God and a determined faith. Our text this evening presents to us three ways our faith can be victorious in prayer.

I. Faith in the Face of an Absent God (vs. 1-2)

A. By living for the benefit of others (vs. 1)

B. By living in boldness before God (vs. 2)

II. A Faith in the Face of False Accusations (vs. 3-5a)

III. A Faith in the Face of a Dark Future (vs. 5b-6)

Conclusion: