

Life Lessons

John 14:13-14 – *“Whatever you ask in My name, that will I do...”*

Psalms 127:1 – *“Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labour in vain.”*

Romans 8:28 – *“All things work together for good to them that love God...”*

Key Takeaway:

The session opens by anchoring our faith in prayer, reminding us that while we love answered prayers, they may not always come swiftly or in the form we expect. Real-life stories illustrate that God answers according to His sovereign will and perfect timing.

Message to Parents

Lessons:

- 1. Parents must teach children to pray and know God.**

The speaker recalls learning to pray at his mother's knee when his father and grandfather went missing at sea.

Prayer became their lifeline and God's faithfulness was revealed in their safe return.

2. God hears and answers prayers according to His will.

Teach children early by living a faith that shows God's power in both peace and peril.

Proverbs 22:6 – *“Train up a child...”*

Exodus 20:12 – *“Honor your father and mother...”*

Generosity, Stewardship, and Finishing Well

The speaker gave faithfully, even in hard times. When money ran short to finish building the church, the family offered extra fishing trips to God – and He abundantly blessed “the Lord's pots”.

- 3. Giving may be in tithes and offerings.**
- 4. Giving may be your time, skills and effort.**
- 5. Generosity may not just be to a church or organisation.**
- 6. Finish what you start with excellence.**

As others watched, God's provision became a powerful witness. The family's obedience and trust showed what visible faith looks like.

Luke 6:38 – *“Give and it shall be given...”*

1 Corinthians 9:7 – *“God loves a cheerful giver...”*

Malachi 3 – On tithes and promises of provision.

Witnessing Through Words and Deeds

The boat named “Naomi” became a symbol of testimony. It wasn't just a name – it was a bold declaration of faith in God's protection and provision.

7. Confess your faith in Jesus boldly.

When you publicly declare your trust in God, you invite His protection, and His presence becomes a testimony to others.

Testimony of Protection:

Though Naomi the boat was twice feared lost, it returned safely each time, reinforcing the family's belief that God was watching over them.

Psalms 23 – *“I will fear no evil...”*

Matthew 10:32 – *“confess me before men...”*

Luke 12:8, Hebrews 1:14 – *Angels are sent to help those who inherit salvation.*

When Things Go Wrong

The speaker recalls his father's long illness. Though healing didn't come quickly, prayer extended his life and shaped him into a man of gentleness, humility and courage.

8. Never give up on your prayers – God knows.

9. Share love and encouragement when you have nothing else to give.

10. Faith is a journey – one step, one day, one life at a time.

James 1:2-4 – *Trials grow endurance and mature our faith.*

Faith doesn't always mean ease. But with each step through hardship, our understanding of God's love deepens, and so does our ability to care for others.

His Purpose – His Plan

A major turning point came when the speaker and his wife reflected on their good life – healthy children, a lovely home, and social recognition –

and felt God ask, *“Do you love these more than Me?”*

11. Pray about your concerns.

12. Come to agreement with your spouse.

**13. Accept that God’s answer might be
“No.”**

**14. Note your resources and plan their
changed use.**

15. Put your plan into effect.

16. Share your plan with people of faith.

Outcome:

They laid everything down – home, career, public office – to pursue what they thought was a call to medical missions. Instead, God redirected their sacrifice to build a business that has since lasted over 56 years and impacted thousands.

Exodus 20:3-5 – *“You shall have no other gods before Me...”*

Matthew 22:37 – *“Love the Lord with all your heart...”*

James 2:14-18 – *Faith without works is dead.*

Hebrews 11:6 – *“Without faith, it is impossible to please God.”*

Ephesians 3:20 – *God can do exceedingly, abundantly beyond all we ask or think...*

Final Reflection:

- . True surrender opens doors to new assignments.
- . Kingdom impact is not always in ministry alone – it is wherever we yield to God.

Conclusion:

Matthew 25:35-40 reminds us that faith is lived out by how we serve the least among us.

Psalms 127:1 reminds us to partner with God in building lives, homes, and futures that last.