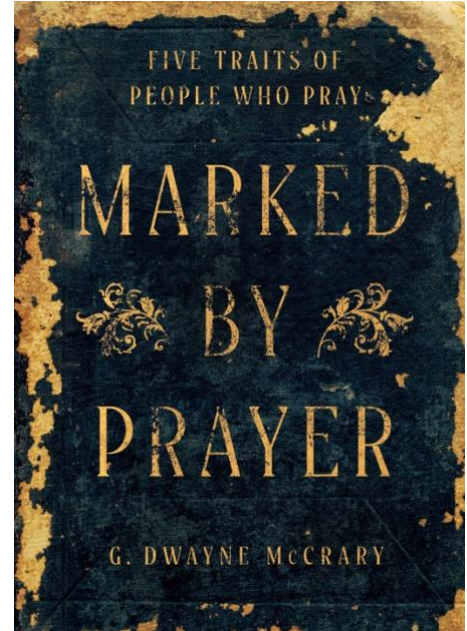


‘Marked by Prayer’ Helps Believers Develop the Five Traits of a Transformational Prayer Life

BRENTWOOD, Tenn., Jan.19, 2025—Drawing from decades of ministry experience and rich biblical reflection, G. Dwayne McCrary explores the five distinct marks shared by people whose lives are shaped by prayer in his new book, “[Marked by Prayer](#).”

“[Marked by Prayer](#)” is birthed from McCrary’s lifelong pursuit of a robust prayer life. Through relatable stories, Scripture-based teaching and personal reflection, McCrary guides readers into a way of praying that forms the heart rather than simply addresses circumstances. This accessible book highlights five marks of people formed by prayer including:

- Helplessness — embracing deep dependence on God
- Scripture-centeredness — praying in alignment with God’s Word
- Personal grief — feeling the weight of sin with humility and love
- Deferred confidence — trusting God’s will above one’s own
- Presence-mindedness — longing to be with God more than anything else



Throughout “[Marked by Prayer](#),” McCrary features biblical figures whose stories embody each of the five marks. Readers encounter David in his helplessness and repentance, Jesus praying Scripture on the cross, Jeremiah lamenting the devastation of God’s people, Habakkuk wrestling honestly with difficult answers from God, Daniel grieving over sin, Joseph displaying deferred confidence before Pharaoh and Mary of Bethany and Mary Magdalene longing for the presence of Jesus.

Underneath all five marks McCrary emphasizes one essential foundation: a daily willingness to follow Jesus no matter what.

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Possible Interview Questions

1. You write that ‘we are marked by prayer’ just as we are marked by our experiences, relationships and even our genetics. What first made you realize prayer was leaving a mark on your own life?
2. Who mentored you and shaped your commitment to seeking the Lord in prayer?
3. Which of these five marks was the hardest for you personally to learn and why?
4. You highlight biblical figures like David, Habbakuk and the two Marys. Which of these stories has shaped your understanding of prayer the most?
5. You define ‘deferred confidence’ as trusting God’s will above your own. Can you share a moment in your life or ministry when that kind of surrender changed your direction?
6. One of the strongest ideas in the book is that helplessness is not hopelessness. How can believers learn to embrace helpless moments as spiritual turning points?
7. Many people struggle with feeling distant from God. What does it mean to be ‘presence-minded,’ and how can someone begin cultivating that desire for God’s presence?

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8. You write that the foundation of a prayer-marked life is a willingness to follow Jesus 'no matter what.' How has this daily commitment shaped the way you pray today compared to earlier in your ministry?

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