***JON’S SERMON OUTLINE….***

WHY PRAY?

***2****“This is what the Lord says, he who made the earth, the Lord who formed it and established it—the Lord is his name:****3****‘Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.’*

 Jeremiah 33:2-3

Introduction: All that God is and all that He has is available to the person who seeks Him. One of the most important ways that we seek God is through prayer. The blessings are innumerable and powerful, but are often left on the shelf because of our lack of prayers. Let’s go beyond even what we want in prayer and see why our communication with God is so essential.

1. PRAYERLESSNESS IS \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_:

 a. This is what Samuel was worried about (1 Samuel 12:23).

 b. A prayerless Christian is a deficient Christian.

2. PRAYER MAKES YOU \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_:

 a. This is what James told us to do during trials (James 1:5).

 b. A prayerless Christian is a doubtful Christian.

3. PRAYERS ARE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_:

 a. This is what John promised (1 John 5:14-15).

 b. A prayerless Christian is a disconnected Christian (John 15:7).

4. PRAYERS ARE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_:

 a. This is what Jesus implied (Matthew 6:9).

 b. A prayerless Christian is a disobedient Christian (1 Thess. 5:17).

5. PRAYER GOES BEYOND YOUR \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_:

 a. This is what Paul said to us (Ephesians 3:20).

 b. A prayerless Christian is a domesticated Christian.

CONCLUSION: It’s time to excite God with your prayers (Jeremiah 33:3)!

Answers: 1. Sin 2. Wiser 3. Answered

 4. Commanded 5. Intent