

Daily Devotion For July 30, 2022

⁵ If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. ⁶ But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind.” James 1:5-6

This past week, I have been asking prayers for Beth Pratt, a friend of my cousin Kimi who has lived in Midpines for over 20 years. With the Oak Fire raging near her home, we were concerned that her home might be one of the 90 homes that were destroyed.

Praise God that yesterday she received word that her pre-evacuation orders were lifted. Her home was safe and she was able to unpack.

In James 1:5-6 we learn that God’s Word teaches us that we can ask God, but a condition of answered prayer is that we must ask in faith, believing and not doubting. One of the most challenging aspects of prayer is that sometimes it takes so long for God to answer. Sometimes it seems as though God doesn’t care or is even listening.

Sometimes God delays in answering our prayers because he wants to build our faith and trust in Him. Sometimes God answers in unexpected ways. Whether God answers in the way we want or not, remember, God is listening and wants what is best for you.

Thought For Today: Is God slow in answering your prayers? Perhaps God wants to build your faith. Whatever your prayer request is, keep praying, keep believing and don’t doubt the power of God to answer prayer.

Today’s Prayer Focus: Thank God for answered prayer for Beth. Pray for the community of Midpines that has been devastated by the Oak fire and the 90 homes and families that have been affected.