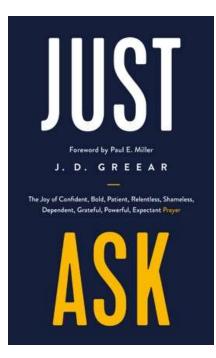


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PASTOR J.D. GREEAR INVITES READERS TO DISCOVER A PRAYER LIFE MARKED BY JOY

NEW BOOK WILL PUBLISH AUGUST 2021 WITH THE GOOD BOOK COMPANY JUST ASK: THE JOY OF CONFIDENT, BOLD, PATIENT, RELENTLESS, SHAMELESS, DEPENDENT, GRATEFUL, POWERFUL, EXPECTANT PRAYER



CHARLOTTE, NC – According to Pastor J.D. Greear, most Christians struggle with prayer. He's not judging his fellow believers – merely reflecting on his own experience, both personally and as a pastor. In fact, research has shown that very few Protestant pastors are satisfied with their personal prayer livesⁱ.

Greear's newest book, *Just Ask: The Joy of Confident, Bold, Patient, Relentless, Shameless, Dependent, Grateful, Powerful, Expectant Prayer* (The Good Book Company, August 2021), invites readers to move beyond the struggle and into a prayer life marked by joy.

In *Just Ask*, Pastor J.D. reminds readers that they can tap into the same source of power that fueled Jesus' ministry and guided the early church. Greear posits that if prayer was a non-negotiable daily staple of Jesus' life, more essential than eating or sleeping, then surely it is vital for his followers as well.

"Here's my one driving conviction behind *Just Ask*: we can enjoy the

same source of power that our Lord and the early church did when we learn to depend on the Father like they did," writes Greear. "The prophet Isaiah tells us that his arm is not shortened that it cannot save, nor his ear heavy that he cannot hear (Isaiah 59:1). And he has not changed. We just need to ask."

Pastor J.D. reflects on the relationship between prayer and evangelism: "The older I get in ministry, the more I realize that perhaps the most effective thing I can do for the church is mobilize it to pray. As Andrew Murray said, 'The one who mobilizes the church to pray will do more for the Great Commission than any other."

In his characteristically biblical and engaging teaching style, Greear opens *Just Ask* by addressing common questions and misconceptions about prayer. He then walks readers through the prayer Jesus modeled, The Lord's Prayer, and provides specific guidance for developing a realistic and joyful prayer life.

Paul E. Miller, author of the bestselling book *A Praying Life*, pens the foreword to **Just Ask**. He writes, "Greear tackles and answers some of the hard questions about prayer, but he doesn't get stuck in a morass. He channels the simplicity of Jesus telling his disciples to become like little children."



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Just Ask: The Joy of Confident, Bold, Patient, Relentless, Shameless, Dependent, Grateful, Powerful, Expectant Prayer By J.D. Greear

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ⁱ Ellison Research of Phoenix, for Lifeway Christian Resources, 2005. Sample of 868 Protestant ministers who were actively leading churches, study was conducted across all 50 states and all Protestant denominations.