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Text: Philippians 4:6 — “Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.” (We make them known to the Lord Jesus — God manifest in the flesh.)

Brothers and sisters, the Bible is full of men and women who brought their needs boldly to the Lord. Below is an adapted pulpit exhortation with a gallery of Bible characters who “let their requests be made known” — examples for us to follow, with Scripture references so you can study each case.

1. Let your need be made known unto God (the Lord Jesus)

- Abraham: Asked God for an heir and interceded for Sodom (Genesis 15:1–6; 18:16–33).
- Moses: Interceded for Israel and asked to see God’s glory (Exodus 32:11–14; 33:12–23; Numbers 14:13–20).
- Hannah: Poured out her soul and asked for a son (1 Samuel 1:9–20).
- Solomon: Asked for wisdom (1 Kings 3:5–14).
- Elijah: Prayed for drought and later prayed for rain (1 Kings 17; 18:41–46).
- Hezekiah: Prayed for healing and was answered (2 Kings 20:1–6; Isaiah 38).
- Daniel: Prayed for revelation and for Jerusalem

(Daniel 2:17–23; 9:3–19).

- Nehemiah: Prayed before appealing to the king (Nehemiah 1:4–11).
- Jonah: Prayed from the belly of the fish (Jonah 2).
- David: Frequently poured out his needs and repentance unto the Lord (Psalms; see Psalm 6, 22, 51).
- Lessons: Come specifically to the Lord (Jesus), bring your need in faith and persistence — God hears those who call.

2. Let your need be made known by confession (speak it aloud)

- The centurion at Capernaum: expressed faith in Jesus' authority when asking for his servant's healing (Matthew 8:5–13).
- The leper: “If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean” — he asked and was cleansed (Mark 1:40–45).
- The woman with the issue of blood: silently touched Christ and then testified of her need/result (Mark 5:25–34).
- Peter: confessed “Lord, save me” when sinking; his confession was direct and immediate (Matthew 14:28–31).
- Paul: plainly asked the Lord three times about his thorn (2 Corinthians 12:7–9).
- Lessons: Say it — confess the need and God’s Word. Confession aligns your heart and releases faith.

3. Let your need be made known to friends — family — church

- The paralytic's friends: brought him to Jesus and lowered him through the roof (Mark 2:1–12).
- The early church: prayed together for Peter's release (Acts 12:5–17) and in persecution they prayed as in Acts 4:23–31.
- The church at Antioch: prayed and fasted before sending out Paul and Barnabas (Acts 13:1–3).
- Cornelius: a devout man whose prayers were known and answered as God sent Peter (Acts 10:1–48).
- Lessons: Don't struggle alone. Let the Body bear burdens and pray corporately — God moves in unity.

4. Let your request be made known without fear of man

- The Canaanite woman: persisted before Jesus despite seeming rebuff and gained mercy (Matthew 15:21–28).
- Paul and Silas: prayed and sang praises in prison, bold before God and men (Acts 16:25–34).
- Peter and John: spoke boldly before the Sanhedrin (Acts 4:13–20).
- Lessons: Fear of man will stop testimony and prayer. Boldness in Jesus' name moves God's hand.

5. Let your request be made known unto men — for

testimony and ministry

- The ten lepers: called out for mercy; one returned with a testimony (Luke 17:11–19).
- Lazarus' sisters, Mary and Martha: they told Jesus about Lazarus' sickness and later testified to His power when He raised him (John 11).
- The healed blind man(s) and others who testified publicly (John 9; Mark 10:46–52).
- Lessons: When you tell men, it opens doors for help, intercession, practical aid, and future testimony that glorifies God.

Representative New Testament examples of requests made directly to the Lord Jesus (study these):

- Jairus (Mark 5:22–24, 35–43) — asked for daughter's healing.
- The woman healed of the issue of blood (Mark 5:25–34).
- Blind Bartimaeus (Mark 10:46–52) — cried out, “Jesus, thou Son of David, have mercy on me.”
- The father of the demon-possessed boy (Mark 9:14–29) — “Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief.”
- The woman at the well (John 4) — conversation leads to spiritual request and confession.
- The ten lepers (Luke 17:11–19) and the centurion (Matthew 8:5–13).
- The disciples in the storm (Matthew 8:23–27) and

Peter when sinking (Matthew 14:28–31).

- Paul's thorn petition (2 Corinthians 12:7–10).

Old Testament examples with the understanding of God manifest (study these):

- Abraham, Moses, Hannah, David, Solomon, Elijah, Elisha, Hezekiah, Daniel, Nehemiah, Jonah, Jacob (wrestled and asked for blessing — Genesis 32:24–30), Job (Job 13:3–15).

Practical application — how these examples teach us to bring requests:

- Be specific: like Jairus and the centurion, name the need.
- Be persistent: like the Canaanite woman and Hannah.
- Be corporate: call on the church as the paralytic's friends and the early church did.
- Be bold: refuse fear of man like Peter and Paul.
- Confess the Word: speak God's promise as Solomon and Paul did.

Apostolic (Oneness) Emphasis

- Bring your need to the Lord Jesus — God manifest in the flesh. Acts 2:38 is the pathway to fullness of the Spirit that empowers our prayers. The same Jesus

who healed, raised, and saved is the One who hears us now.

Closing Exhortation and Short Prayer

Don't hide your need. Follow these examples — make it known to the Lord Jesus, confess it with your mouth, tell your brothers and sisters, refuse fear of man, and be ready to testify when God answers.

Short prayer: Lord Jesus, You are God manifest in the flesh. We bring our needs to You now. Give us boldness to confess, to tell our family in Christ, and to trust You without fear. Move by Your Spirit and answer according to Your perfect will. In Jesus' name, amen.