

## Sifted: The Potential for Prayer Luke 22:31-34; Psalm 42:1-5

Nothing appreciable ever happens in the Christian life apart from prayer.

Expresses our **dependence** on God

Experienced in our desperation

Three kinds of desperate people:

Those who **know** it and embrace it.

Those who do not **know** it.

Those who know it, but **deny** it.

Explanation of desperation (Psalm 42)

An active **search**.

A **passion** for His presence.

A longing for past **intimacy**.

Everything that happens in the Christian life has already been prayed for by Christ.

**Personal**—"Thee"

**Past tense**—"I have"

**Powerful**—"Your faith may not fail."