

Developing the Power of a Praying Life

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Psalm 27:4-5, 13-14 (NIV)

Drawing The Circle That Produces Power:

Joshua 6:12-16, 20, 27 (NLT)

1. Draw the circle as a PRIORITY.

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Luke 11:1-4 (CEB)

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2 Corinthians 13:14 (MSG)

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Hebrews 4:15-16 (CEB)

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1 John 3:1 (NIV)

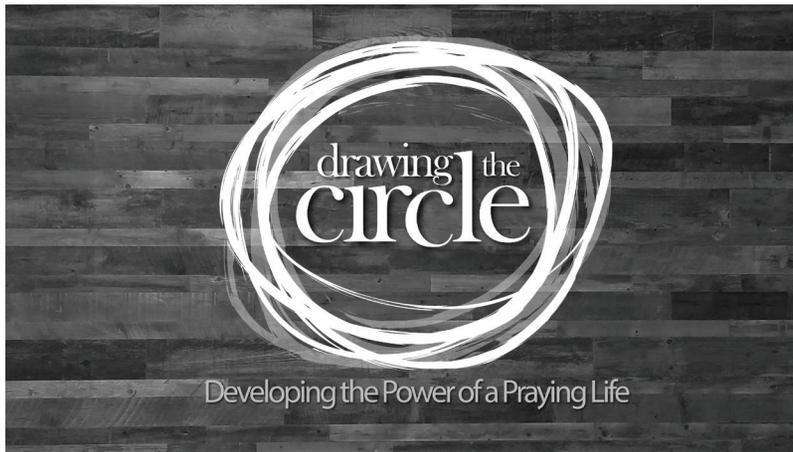
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