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Genesis 18:26-33

Abraham had an interesting prayer life. After God told him of the "outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah," He listened to Abraham's intercession. Abraham did not give up and call the situation hopeless: "The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective" (James 5:16).

In Abraham we see one of the greatest missionaries in the Bible. Abraham cared about people, and his concern took action. Because of his personal relationship with God, saw others through God's eyes and interceded on their behalf. Genesis 18:22 says, "Abraham remained standing before the LORD" (Genesis 18:22). Can prayers be answered if they are not offered? Certainly not.

Abraham's story raises some questions for us: what role does prayer play in our lives? For what, or whom, do we pray? Are we prevailing in prayer for our families, our churches, and the unreached peoples of the world?

There is hope when a minority prays for God's redemptive purposes to be realized and for truth to prevail.

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