



## *Pastor's Comments*

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### **“Praying Through”**

Last week's column, “Christopher's Miracle,” related how our congregation **prayed** with Christopher's brother, Terry, at the altar **until he had assurance** he was going to be alright. Praying like this used to be known as **“praying through!”** It meant **praying until you knew you got through to God.** Today's fast-paced Christians often **get through praying** instead of **“praying through!”** By the way, that story will be on **60 Live with Pat Huber** (WBPH) on **Sunday, August 5, at 8 p.m.**

Two years ago, **Evangelist Jimmy Millikin**, who will be with us again August 5-12, preached a powerful message on **“Praying Through”** from Genesis 32:24-26. He told how Jacob, facing death at the hands of his approaching brother Esau whom he had wronged, wrestled with the angel of God all night and said **“I will not let thee go, except thou bless me.”** In response to Jacob's **persistence**, the Lord did bless him, changing his name (character transformation), and turning his brother's heart to accept him. Jimmy stated that often people become burdened down and frustrated with the problems of life and seek others to console them. Instead of getting **down to business with God** and **“praying through”** until they receive an answer from the Lord, they opt to muddle in self-pity and despair! Referring to the words of Jesus in Matthew 6:15, **“But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.”** Jimmy declared that **“praying through”** includes forgiving those who have wronged you. He told of a pastor's wife whom he knew whose son was randomly shot and killed by a 16-year-old girl who was seeking to be initiated into a gang in Florida. One can only imagine the turmoil this mother went through, but she knew the secret of **“praying through”** and after the trial she publicly told the girl that she fully forgave her and loved her!

**Coming:** Hear the **evangelistic and musical Millikin Family** in **revival services** on **August 5-12** at 10:45 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Sundays, and 7:30 p.m. weekdays.

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