

## **Prayer and Magic – March 17 - Questions to Ponder:**

1. Many Christians say that God always answers prayer in one of three ways: yes, no or not now. What are your thoughts?
2. Think about the times that God did not answer your prayers. How do we keep from losing our faith in God during those disappointing times?
3. Dr. Allison comments, “if all of our prayers were answered as we wished, then we would have too much power and control. Power corrupts; that is too much power for us to have.” What do you think?
4. Do we sometimes expect magical results from prayer? When good things happen, do we assign a cause and effect to our prayers?
5. How would you explain examples of Jesus and Paul, both of whose prayers were unanswered (or answered with a “no”)?
6. What are some dangerous views of prayer? What should we teach our children about prayer?