

WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING ABOUT FRANKIE MAZZAPICA AND *YOUR DIVINE INVITATION*...

I first met Frankie Mazzapica over twenty years ago in Rockford, Illinois, when he was training youth pastors on how to be effective leaders with the renowned youth leader Jeanne Mayo. That's why it is no surprise to me that Frankie is now training people all around the world on the power of prayer through his insightful book, *Your Divine Invitation*. This book will help you become an effective prayer warrior, but it will also give you insight into becoming a better all-around leader.

Over the past ten years, I have been privileged to lead worship at Pastor Frankie's church on and off. At one service a few years ago, a guest went into full cardiac arrest and literally died on the platform during service while Frankie was interviewing her. I witnessed Frankie praying life over the lifeless woman, who was miraculously brought back to life. Pastor Frankie is a man who knows how to pray and believes what he teaches. I am honored to endorse this book for anyone who wants to grow in their relationship with Christ and walk with an understanding of God's supernatural power through prayer.

—Ricardo Sanchez

Worship leader; recording artist; Grammy Award nominee
Winner of Dove, Tejano Music, and ASCAP awards

Does God offer Christians supernatural power? If so, what is the purpose of this power, and how can one receive it? The church of today stands divided on these questions. Some would say that God no longer *empowers* believers as He once did. Others would say that He does but often fails to communicate how to receive it, and people misunderstand the purpose of the power. In his book *Your Divine Invitation*, Frankie answers these questions with biblical clarity. He also gives real-life examples of how an impartation of God's power completely changed his ministry, his church, and the lives of thousands who have been beneficiaries of God's power at work in Celebration Church. This book is a must for the person who truly wants to live out the divine call of being a *power-filled* witness of Jesus Christ.

—Matt Scott

Founding pastor, the Gathering Place Church
Birmingham, AL

Pastor Frankie has been an anointed guiding light in my family's spiritual journey for over a decade. His God-given message inspires hope, faith, and an overarching belief in God's plan for each of us. Frankie paints a bold vision that we must each seek and derive our power from God and the Holy Spirit. Only then will we truly be able to fulfill our divine assignment here on Earth. Through this book, Frankie guides us to desire the closeness of the Lord—not settling for anything less. My prayer is that this book will leave many blessed with a renewed conviction to achieve their full potential in their walk with the Lord and, most of all, learn to believe in miracles.

—Dr. Lee M. Tillman

Chairman, president, and CEO, Marathon Oil Corp.

This book illuminates the roadmap for every believer to engage in the supernatural in their everyday life. Pastor Frankie takes the reader along his journey from someone who rarely experienced healings to someone who witnesses them on a weekly basis. His story is an undeniable testimony of the power of God working today through anyone who asks, seeks, and knocks. This book will surely stir your hunger for more of the Holy Spirit to work through your life.

—*Micah Gamboa*

Executive director, Elijah Rising, Houston, TX

This book is a download from a man's secret place. We must be empowered by the Spirit. Why? We live in one of the most pivotal times in history for the believer. We must stand firm and walk in boldness. There is a constant attack from Satan on every front to bring the church and the bride of Christ down. As you read this book, your spirit will soar, and elements of your faith will be restored. *Your Divine Invitation* is a handbook to understand the Holy Spirit's weapons imparted into you for your victory. Now is the time to walk in the Spirit. Are you ready? Prepare to embark on the Luke 24:49 and Acts 1:8 journey into the enduement of power!

—*Pat Schatzline*

Author and evangelist

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So many believers are unknowingly missing the *power* component of their *purpose* equation. Frankie brilliantly makes a case for the need for the power of the Holy Spirit from on high, but he also walks you through the *how* and the hard questions when it comes to actually receiving and activating that power in your life. Being in the business world and in ministry, this book was a timely reminder for me personally of how essential that power actually is to complete my mission on this earth. Thank you for your obedience and openness to the Spirit of God, Frankie!

—*Dan Valentine*

Healthy lifestyle specialist, entrepreneur
Motivational speaker, success mentor, global wellness coach

This book our friend has written completely lines up with who we know him to be. Three words come to mind: honest, courageous, and committed. Frankie is honest in his writing about what he has learned and has still yet to learn. He is courageous in taking steps of faith that many of us would be too timid to take in believing for God to do great things. He is committed to pursuing who God is and what He wants to accomplish through His children.

—*Greg and Janna Long*

Worship leaders; recording artists, Avalon Worship
Grammy nominees; American Music and Dove award winners

With *Your Divine Invitation*, Pastor Frankie takes readers on a wonderful journey of humility, transparency, and vulnerability to allow them to grow and develop in the power of Christ, regardless of their starting point. He continually seeks to understand and has an uncanny ability to connect as “one of us,” seamlessly weaving Scriptures throughout. Frankie provides a credible foundation and a practical approach for readers to understand and act on this promise from God. These insights are wise beyond his years. I can’t wait to read it again for that next revelation!

—Adam Cantu

Health/safety manager, global projects, ExxonMobil

Reneé and I have witnessed thousands of people receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit and their lives being radically changed as a result. However, of the many who were privileged to have such an experience, only a few were truly *endued with power*. Too often, the emphasis was placed on speaking in tongues rather than receiving an impartation of power. Pastor Frankie Mazzapica has locked in on a vital key of ministry today; being empowered with the Spirit, as evidenced by signs and wonders, is needed now more than ever. *Your Divine Invitation* has rekindled a deep hunger for a fresh impartation of power in my life and our churches. People desperately need it, and the times demand it. Thank you, Pastor Frankie, for writing this masterpiece on the empowerment of the Holy Spirit today.

—Randy and Reneé Clark

Founding pastors, Triumph Church
Stafford, Nederland, and Beaumont, TX

Sometimes a book enters your life by divine intervention. I dare to believe that to be true for you as you read *Your Divine Invitation*. Some authors are just TV famous. But Frankie is that and far, far more for me. He is my son in the Lord, with whom I've been closely knit for over twenty years. The call of God on his life has been radiant since he was a young, rebellious kid who ran my sports car off the road in the middle of a snowstorm. He has always had the courage to say what he believes to be true, even if it is not entirely socially acceptable. Living up close to him, I have now had the priceless privilege to see him exercise all the Holy Spirit's gifts he speaks of in this book.

My background is five full decades in full-time ministry, so I am not easily impressed or manipulated. But in truth, Jesus uses Frankie in one of the purest, most authentic ways I have ever experienced in my entire life. He gently but authoritatively moves in the gifts of the Spirit. He is big enough to say when he is occasionally off, "I must have missed it." But more times than I can count, he is unmistakably *on*. The lasting fruit of his ministry shouts to prove it. Enjoy this book with a good cup of coffee and know that if you allow for it, it could irrevocably change your entire life. There is truly *more* to following Jesus and the fullness of the Spirit than many of us begin to realize.

—Dr. Jeanne Mayo

Public speaker, international author
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AN IMPARTATION CHANGES EVERYTHING

Why do so many prayers go unanswered? That question used to plague me—and it did not stop plaguing me when I was a youth pastor or even when I planted Celebration Church with Allie. Our church checked all of the boxes: great worship, exciting kids' services, and sermons that connected with people. But that question still lingered. I did not see healings and miracles like the ones mentioned in Scripture happening in my church.

Spiritual gifts strengthened neither my ministry nor my personal life. And I wanted to know why.

I asked every pastor I knew why I was not seeing a manifestation of God's power. No one had an answer for me, but that did not stop my search. Scripture gives many instances of believers everywhere experiencing the supernatural when they prayed, not just the apostles. For example, "*Stephen, a man full of God's grace and power, performed amazing miracles and signs*" (Acts 6:8). He moved in power as he went about distributing food to widows. (See Acts 6:1–6.)

Other supporting Scriptures include:

Everything is possible for one who believes.

(Mark 9:23 NIV)

I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father.

(John 14:12)

Such a prayer offered in faith will heal the sick, and the Lord will make you well. And if you have committed any sins, you will be forgiven.

(James 5:15)

Everyone who reads the Bible must decide what they will do with the portions that they do not understand. Will they pursue a revelation of truth? Or will they turn a blind eye and

learn to live without the manifestation of God's power? I made my choice after finishing Finney's book.

MIDNIGHT REVELATION

After midnight, when I had put down *Power from God*, I was lying in bed, unable to fall asleep. So, I opened the Bible app on my phone and began reading. As I read, I noticed something I had never seen before: the word "power" is laced throughout the New Testament. As I jumped from book to book, chapter to chapter, I realized that many new believers had faith yet no power. When they did receive power, though, everything changed.

After John baptized Jesus, "*God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power*" (Acts 10:38). Jesus showed that power when He changed water into wine at the wedding feast in Cana of Galilee. (See John 2:1–11.) Seeing that miracle may have given the disciples more faith, but they still lacked power.

One day Jesus called together his twelve disciples and gave them power and authority to cast out all demons and to heal all diseases.
(Luke 9:1)

Later, Jesus selected seventy-two other followers who already possessed faith and gave them the power to heal (see Luke 10:1–9) so that they could fulfill the Great Commission. (See Matthew 28:19–20.)

Jesus gave His followers an impartation of power to lessen the weight brought on by the Great Commission. He told them that they would “*receive power*” when the Holy Spirit came upon them, becoming His witnesses and telling people about Him “*everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth*” (Acts 1:8).

In Acts 4:29, just after the disciples prayed for “*great boldness in preaching*,” power again came upon them, and the ground began to shake. (See verse 31.) The manifestation of that power is outlined ten chapters later. After preaching in Iconium, “*the Lord proved their message was true by giving them power to do miraculous signs and wonders*” (Acts 14:3).

It was no different with Paul’s ministry. When he and those with him preached the gospel, it was “*not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction*” (1 Thessalonians 1:5 ESV).

Yet, in their eagerness to jump into ministry, many still choose to preach, teach, and witness without waiting for an impartation of power. Paul wrote a message for such people:

I will come—and soon—if the Lord lets me, and then I’ll find out whether these arrogant people just give pretentious speeches or whether they really have God’s power. For the Kingdom of God is not just a lot of talk; it is living by God’s power.
(1 Corinthians 4:19–20)

While reading the Bible on my cell phone with Allie sleeping next to me, I concluded that miracles could happen



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through a person who has not received an impartation of power. However, an impartation is needed if such signs are to be a regular occurrence.

Aside from an impartation of power, we must have a relationship with Jesus. In His name, some may prophesy, cast out demons, and perform miracles. (See Matthew 7:22.) Yet without relationship, Jesus will say to them, “*Get away from me, you who break God’s laws*” (Matthew 7:23). We all need our faith to increase, and each of us must have His power flowing through us. As we unpack the Word together, you will see that an impartation of power is available to all believers.

AN IMPARTATION OF POWER

An impartation of power made all the difference in Celebration Church and my life. I first saw miracles happen through my prayers on a mission trip to Brazil with Dr. Randy Clark. The big decision for me after that trip was choosing to believe that the power of God could travel over the ocean and heal the people I prayed for when I preached. The Sunday I got back, I felt God saying to me, “Go for a word of knowledge.” That scared me. It was a risk to put myself on the line. I drew out my sermon as much as I could to delay ministry time. But I could only draw it out so much.

When the time came, I led with, “I do not know if this is God, or if it is me. I do know that if it is God, someone is about to get healed.” Then, I gave two words of knowledge. Both people were healed when they were prayed for at the front. The following Sunday, I had them come up and share their testimonies. Then, I gave more words of knowledge and saw those people get

healed. As a church, we have been following that same pattern ever since.

Before that, miraculous healings were rare in my life. Now, I expect them. Not everyone I pray for receives healing, but people are healed every Sunday. I may never understand why some people receive their miracle the first time we pray for them while others receive theirs the fiftieth time. Or why some people never receive their healing despite never losing faith for their miracle. Honestly, I have more questions than answers.

However, one thing is certain: we *have* received a breakthrough. It does not matter whether a staff pastor or one of our many prayer partners prays over the sick. We see the manifest power of God every Sunday. Most weekends, I lose count of how many people received their healing. Miracles are not just for Sunday services though. God wants to move through you wherever you are, whether miracles are your focus at that time or not.

One of my favorite healing stories began without healing expectations on my part.

A CIRCLE OF HEALING

In June 2020, Allie and I visited our friends Luke and Serena in their second home in Costa Rica. Because they do a lot of business in Costa Rica, they bought the home more than twenty years ago. Both in Texas and abroad, this amazing couple lives out their call to full-time ministry without even receiving

a salary from Celebration Church. I can count on one hand the number of times Luke has been absent from my biweekly men's life group, and Serena is a cornerstone of our prayer partner time. Together, they lead a weekly life group in their home. They are fully committed to building God's kingdom, and they still find time to lead a very successful company that they built themselves. Like the apostle Paul and his tent-making business, their occupation is a tool to provide for their family and invest in the kingdom. They invited Allie and me to Costa Rica to minister to their *tico* friends. (*Tico* is an affectionate term used for dear friends and loved ones who live in Costa Rica.)

In addition to our two families, three couples sat with us on a covered patio. Everyone there seemed to be between the ages of forty-five and fifty-five. Each *tico* stole my heart immediately. We talked and laughed a lot. As we traded pleasantries, it became clear that although they were all Christians, they were young in the faith. After a bit more small talk, I began to share a few Scriptures I believed would bless them. About fifteen or twenty minutes later, I had said all I had to say, and I was ready to close up the evening. However, the night felt undone.

A quick thought crossed my mind, "Go for healing." Revelation 19:10 (ESV) says, "*The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy,*" so I started sharing recent testimonies of how people had been healed at our church over the last few years. I told them how Jesus was healing people at our church every weekend. I explained that though not everyone we prayed for received healing, people did get healed each Sunday. Sometimes they were healed the first time we prayed for them and sometimes we had to pray for them many more times, but most often,

they were healed the very moment they came to the altar. I told them that I believed healings were going to happen that night. Then I asked, "Is there anyone here who needs healing?"

To my surprise, three of our six guests raised their hands. "Okay, we're going to pray for each of you," I said. "Is there anyone feeling pain right now? We want to pray for you first." Diana was the first to raise her hand. She said she had been experiencing sharp pain in her right hip, and it was shooting down her leg. We all stood up, and I asked her to come and stand in front of me. I said, "You're the first person I believe Jesus is going to heal tonight, and Serena will be the one to pray for you."

Asking Serena, our host, to come and pray was not a deliberate choice. I had intended to pray for Diana myself, but in that moment, it just seemed right that Serena would be the one to pray.

Just before Serena laid hands on Diana, I said to everyone, "Listen carefully to how Serena prays." I explained that her prayer would be a short, commanding prayer rather than a petition prayer. Then I explained the difference: petition prayers are based on requests to Jesus, while commanding prayers are based on speaking to the body and commanding it to be healed in Jesus's name.

Jesus most often healed the sick with commanding prayers. When He healed the lame man beside the pool of Bethesda, He said, "*Stand up, pick up your mat, and walk!*" (John 5:8). When He raised the widow's son from the dead, "*he walked over to the coffin and touched it, and the bearers stopped. 'Young man,' he said,*

‘I tell you, get up!’ (Luke 7:14). When He healed a man with leprosy, He said, *‘Be healed!’* (Mark 1:41). Those were not long, effortful prayers. They were simple phrases said with God’s power.

Serena had been through our prayer partner training and also prayed for the sick as part of our recent Brazil mission trip team, so I knew she would provide a great example of how to pray for the suffering the way Jesus did. After Serena prayed a thirty-second commanding prayer with great emphasis on saying, “in the name of Jesus,” I asked Diana if she could feel any pain. She was surprised and in total disbelief when she realized her pain was gone. She did not understand how her healing could have happened that easily. We asked her to sit down, stand up, and move around to see if she was genuinely healed. Her eyes began to fill with tears. It did not matter how she shifted her body. There was no pain to be found! She was completely healed. We all took a moment to clap and praise Jesus. It was clear the Spirit of the Lord was among us, and faith was rapidly rising.

Patricia was next. I turned to Diana and said, “Diana, because you just received healing, you now have faith that Jesus heals. Listen to Patricia carefully because you are going to pray for her.” Patricia then told us that her lower back was hurting and that her sinuses had been so bad for so long that she was unable to breathe through her nose. When Patricia finished telling us where she needed healing, Diana was noticeably nervous, but she was willing to do as I had asked. I reminded Diana to say a short prayer, commanding the parts of the body that



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needed healing in the name of Jesus. As I spoke, I had a thought that made me wonder if Jesus had already healed Patricia's back.

"Patricia," I said, "sometimes Jesus heals before we have an opportunity to pray. I know you said you were feeling pain in your lower back a moment ago, but are you still feeling pain right now?" She took a moment to concentrate on her body and move her back around, and then said, "No, the pain is gone. What happened?" I smiled and laughed a bit, then answered, "Jesus, very often, doesn't wait on us. He just moves! Come on, everyone, let's give Him a standing ovation."

After clapping, I turned back to Diana. "Okay, Diana," I said. "Jesus went ahead of us on the healing of Patricia's back, but you still have an opportunity to partner with Him. Place your thumbs on each side of Patricia's nose and command it to open and command her sinuses to be completely healed in Jesus's name." Diana laid her hands on Patricia's face and prayed a quiet, commanding prayer over her. She ended her prayer with "in Jesus's name." Patricia closed her mouth and tried to breathe through her nose. Suddenly, she burst into tears and said, "Clear air is going all the way through my nose! It's so clear!" Crying, she walked over to her husband and threw her arms around him. Her life had changed instantly. We all gave Jesus another standing ovation.

So far, two people had been healed, and I, the pastor, had done none of the praying. First, Serena from our church prayed over Diana. Then, Diana prayed for Patricia. Now that Patricia had received her healing, it was her turn to pray for the next person: Catalina. I asked Catalina if she felt any pain. She said

that she had the opposite problem. At some point in her life, she had lost all feeling in the skin of her thighs. There was also something seriously wrong with her stomach. Each time she ate, she vomited. On that particular day, she had decided not to eat to be sure she could accept the invitation to our gathering. I am always amazed by how easy it is for sharp, successful people to hide debilitating pains and diseases so well. The three couples I had just met all wore nice clothes and seemed to come from high-income families. All six were bilingual. Yet, those things did not matter in the presence of God.

I turned to Catalina and said, “Unlike the others, your sickness is internal, and it isn’t causing you any pain. There is no way you can test whether you are healed by simply moving in ways you could not before praying. So, there are two ways you will know whether or not you are healed. First, after you leave tonight, you’ll discover that you have feeling on the skin of your thighs, and after a meal, you will realize that you can digest your food without vomiting. Second, because you know your body, if Jesus touches the inside of you right now, you will instantly know it.”

Looking at Patricia, I said, “When you pray, I want you to say, ‘Skin, come alive. Nerves come alive. Stomach be healed, in the name of Jesus.’” As I said those words, Catalina grabbed her stomach, bent over, and began to moan as if her stomach was contracting. Then she started falling backward. Thankfully, there was a couch behind her that caught her fall. Her husband held her close, looking worried. I ignored the chaos because I was confident that God was doing something special beyond

our understanding within her. We just needed to be patient and allow the process to unfold.

I still wanted the train of prayer to continue, though, so I asked Patricia to stand behind the couch Catalina was on, place one of her hands upon Catalina's shoulders, and pray. Catalina began to hyperventilate. Her eyes would close for several seconds at a time, and she would say, "I cannot move my arms." I got on my knees and held her hands tightly. As she squeezed my hands in response, I said, "Catalina, look into my eyes. Look at me. It's okay. Everything is okay. Jesus is healing you. Let's breathe slowly together; follow me. In and out. Very slow. That's it. Very good." Each time she looked away, her eyes would close, and she would hyperventilate again. And each time she hyperventilated, I said the same thing as before: "Catalina, look into my eyes and breathe with me."

The other couples started to get concerned. Someone asked, "Should we call someone?" I heard another person say, "Maybe she needs some water." I focused on Catalina the entire time, not responding to what I heard in the background. After three to five minutes of this, the biggest smile appeared on Catalina's face, and she started to laugh. "I'm healed!" she exclaimed. "I'm completely healed. I could eat a pig right now!"

We all started laughing too. Everything happened so quickly. We were all amazed. We could not even begin to process what had just happened. Catalina was full of joy—so full of joy that she stopped speaking in English and started speaking in Spanish. One of the others tried to interpret her words, but Catalina was talking too fast for interpretation. Her excitement made her words race out of her mouth. Having given up on

understanding, we decided to stop trying and gave Jesus another standing ovation of praise as we raised our voices, saying, “Thank You, Jesus! Thank You, Jesus!”

When Catalina’s emotions began to settle, I asked her to walk me through what had just happened to her. She said, “When you turned your head to tell Patricia to lay her hands on my stomach and say, ‘Skin come alive, nerves come alive, stomach be healed,’ there was a pain in my stomach, and in my mind, I saw an image of a hand with a knife chopping my stomach like someone chopping on a board. It was so painful! I thought, ‘Someone is doing this to me.’ Then I felt another hand grabbing me by the throat so that I couldn’t breathe. Then I saw your hand and forearm, wrapped by the brightest white light. Brighter than that light.” She pointed to the ceiling light above her. “Your hand reached into my stomach, and I heard an order. It was a firm order: ‘Leave in Jesus’s name!’ Instantly, the hand around my neck let go, and the hand with the knife left my body.”

Javier, Patricia’s husband, spoke up then. “I didn’t say anything earlier, but my knee has been giving me problems and causing me a lot of pain.” I asked if he was feeling pain at that moment. He said yes. “Okay, Catalina,” I said. “It’s your turn. You were the last one to receive healing, and now it’s your turn to pray for healing. Hold Javier’s hands and pray a commanding prayer toward his knees. Name everything you think could be wrong—cartilage, muscles, tendons, bones. Command everything to be made well in the name of Jesus.”

Catalina took Javier by the hand and started praying so simply that some might hesitate to call it a prayer. However, the

punctuation after the commanding prayer was greatly emphasized as she said, "In Jesus's name!" Javier started sitting and standing to test his knee. He started laughing and said, "The pain is gone!"

Other than Javier, everyone who had received healing that night prayed for someone else who received their healing. I believe that if there had been a hundred people in that room, the prayer chain would have continued, and all of them would have received healing. Ministry is so much more fun when you partner with Jesus. Having a front-row seat to watch the power of God move is the most incredible honor one could have.

God sent us each an invitation to partner with Him.

He will keep you strong to the end so that you will be free from all blame on the day when our Lord Jesus Christ returns. God will do this, for he is faithful to do what he says, and he has invited you into partnership with his Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. (1 Corinthians 1:8–9)

I promise, if you knew what this partnership could look like, nothing else in this world would matter to you. When you experience the power of God instantly healing people or changing their hearts and spirits through your prayers, you will become addicted to the partnership. All you will want to do is spend time with Him privately and share His love and power in public.

Although I do not fully understand how an impartation of power happens, there is no doubt that a degree of power has come upon our prayer partners, our congregation, and myself.



**HAVING A FRONT-ROW SEAT TO
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The degree of impartation we have received has been significant enough to spark thousands of healings, ranging from the opening of deaf ears to deliverance from seizures. This degree of increased power has only caused greater hunger for more of God's manifest presence among us.

There is an unspeakable joy attached to seeing members in our congregation praying for one another and seeing the power of God move through and among them. It is a reminder to us all that God's plan is to send His power through and among all His children, not just through pastors, teachers, evangelists, prophets, and apostles. Prayerfully, within the pages of this book, you will come to understand all I have learned. In turn, you will see the power of God move through you too.

CHAPTER 1: DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

1. Why do you think it's rare to see healings and miracles?

2. What are your thoughts about the Scripture that reads: *“These miraculous signs will accompany those who believe: They will cast out demons in my name, and they will speak in new languages. They will be able to handle snakes with safety, and if they drink anything poisonous, it won't hurt them. They will be able to place their hands on the sick, and they will be healed”* (Mark 16:17–18).

3. If those who were not in a relationship with Jesus could prophesy, cast out demons, and perform miracles using the name of Jesus (see Matthew 7:22), shouldn't those who are in relationship with Him expect, at the very least, to do the same?

4. Jesus used commanding prayers when He healed the sick and cast out demons. (See, for example, John 5:8; John 9:6–7; Mark 1:25.) When would you deem it to be appropriate to use a commanding prayer? When would it be best to use a petitionary prayer?
