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Week 7: THE Path of GrowN – WHY PRAYER?
October 25, 2023

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| 9/13 th - The WHY(God'sRoles) | (Sp. Disciplines -j 8 weeks) | 11/8 th – |
| 9/20 th – The Payback(P.B.A. Prodigal. God's Grace means..) | 10/4 th – Meet the Bible | 11/15 th – |
| 9/27 th –The Power in Community | 10/11 th – Why Suffering? | 11/22 nd – |
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[Week ? = Understanding the Kingdom of God????]

Series Resources: How People Grow by Cloud/Townsend and Cloud, H., & Townsend, J. (2009). *How People Grow: What the Bible Reveals About Personal Growth*. Zondervan. Celebration of Discipline by Richard Foster

Week 2: Bailey, K. E. (2005). *The Cross and the Prodigal: Luke 15 through the Eyes of Middle Eastern Peasants* (Second Edition, pp. 42–44). IVP Books.

Handouts:

Week 1 – God's Roles Chart. Week 2 – Community. Week 4 – The Bible. Week 5- Suffering Verses.

GrowN Concept #1: Quadrant Growth

Luke 2:52 HCSB *And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and with people.*

Jesus grew: Intellectually ● Physically ● Spiritually ● Socially

GrowN Concept #2: The Inheritance of Reconciliation

The Long-term Goal of GrowN: **2 Corinthians 5:18-21. NLT**

18 And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to Himself through Christ. And **God has given us this task of reconciling people to Him.** ¹⁹ For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to Himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And He gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation,²⁰ so we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making His appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!" ²¹ For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.

YES: Reconciling = Living your Life OUTLOUD with others so they may see Jesus in action.

NO: Reconciling ≠ You are going to Hell if you don't accept Jesus. Stop SINNING! Never saying anything. God gives you the abundant life – including lots of \$\$\$ - here on earth.

THE Payback: I have earned this, God ↔ God cannot love me because...I have sinned so...

GrowN Concept #3: God is FOR me – There is no "God cannot love me because..."

Romans 8:31-32

What then are we to say about these things?^(C) **If God is for us, who is against us?^(D)**

³² He did not even spare His own Son^(E) but offered Him up for us all;^(F)

how will He not also with Him grant us everything? HCSB

GrowN Concept #4: God will PROVIDE for me - I do not have to EARN His love.

Matthew 6:33 (25 – don't worry about your life)

But **seek first the kingdom of God^(A) and His righteousness,^(B) and all these things will be provided for you.^(C)**

GrowN Concept #5: THE Power in Community

I. The Power of Relationships in Community II. The Power of Acceptance in Community III. The Power of Forgiveness in Community

GrowN Concept #6:

[**Disciplines: C&T – The Bible. Role of Suffering & Grief. Righteousness. Discipline. Spiritual Poverty. Obedience. Sin & Temptation. Truth. Activity. Time. FOSTER – (Meditation. Prayer. Fasting.) Study. Simplicity. Solitude. Submission. Service. Confession. Worship. Guidance. Celebration.**]



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How People Grow – Not a therapy book but a book on the sanctification process. Does not discount therapy (it is being written by two of them!) but ADDS the sanctification process to the therapeutical model.

2 Peter 3:18

*¹⁷ Therefore, dear friends, since you know this in advance, be on your guard,^(A) so that you are not led away by the error of lawless people and fall from your own stability. ¹⁸ **But grow** in the grace and knowledge^(A) of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity.^{(a)(B)} Amen.^(b) HCSB*

With our FIVE GrowN concepts as a foundation:

- #1. Quadrant Growth.
- #2. Becoming a Reconciler.
- #3. Knowing God is for me.
- #4. Knowing God will provide for me.
- #5. Understanding the POWER in Community.

NOW WHAT do we actually DO?

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RIGHTEOUSNESS: **Repent:** Towards salvation and as a Disciple of Christ. **Understand & gain** insight: LEARN-Lifestyle.
Discipline: Add what to my life? Subtract what? Sanctification: Immediate & Progressive

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Prayer Changes Us

“Real prayer comes not from gritting our teeth but from falling in love.” R. Foster
 IF we truly love others, we pray.

ASK: Define Prayer

How did this work with the Disciples?

Matthew 4:4 But **Jesus told** him, “No! The Scriptures say, ‘People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

Matthew 8:22 But **Jesus told** him, “Follow me now. Let the spiritually dead bury their own dead.”

Matthew 11:4 **Jesus told** them, “Go back to John and tell him what you have heard and seen—

Matthew 13:24 Here is another story **Jesus told:** “The Kingdom of Heaven is like a farmer who planted good seed in his field.

Matthew 13:57 And they were deeply offended and refused to believe in him. Then **Jesus told** them, “A prophet is honored everywhere except in his own hometown and among his own family.”

Matthew 15:35 So **Jesus told** all the people to sit down on the ground.

Matthew 17:20 “You don’t have enough faith,” **Jesus told** them. “I tell you the truth, if you had faith even as small as a mustard seed, you could say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it would move. Nothing would be impossible.”

Matthew 17:22 After they gathered again in Galilee, **Jesus told** them, “The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of his enemies.

Matthew 19:21 **Jesus told** him, “If you want to be perfect, go and sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”



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Matthew 20:23 Jesus told them, "You will indeed drink from my bitter cup. But I have no right to say who will sit on my right or my left. My Father has prepared those places for the ones he has chosen."

Matthew 21:21 Then Jesus told them, "I tell you the truth, if you have faith and don't doubt, you can do things like this and much more. You can even say to this mountain, 'May you be lifted up and thrown into the sea,' and it will happen."

Matthew 24:4 Jesus told them, "Don't let anyone mislead you,"

Matthew 26:19 So the disciples did as Jesus told them and prepared the Passover meal there.

Matthew 26:25 Judas, the one who would betray him, also asked, "Rabbi, am I the one?" And Jesus told him, "You have said it."

Matthew 26:31 On the way, Jesus told them, "Tonight all of you will desert me. For the Scriptures say, 'God will strike the Shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.'"

Matthew 26:52 "Put away your sword," Jesus told him. "Those who use the sword will die by the sword."

Mark 6:4 Then Jesus told them, "A prophet is honored everywhere except in his own hometown and among his relatives and his own family."

Mark 6:39 Then Jesus told the disciples to have the people sit down in groups on the green grass.

Mark 7:27 Jesus told her, "First I should feed the children—my own family, the Jews. It isn't right to take food from the children and throw it to the dogs."

Mark 7:36 Jesus told the crowd not to tell anyone, but the more he told them not to, the more they spread the news.

Mark 8:6 So Jesus told all the people to sit down on the ground. Then he took the seven loaves, thanked God for them, and broke them into pieces. He gave them to his disciples, who distributed the bread to the crowd.

Mark 10:39 "Oh yes," they replied, "we are able!" Then Jesus told them, "You will indeed drink from my bitter cup and be baptized with my baptism of suffering."

Mark 14:27 On the way, Jesus told them, "All of you will desert me. For the Scriptures say, 'God will strike the Shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.'"

Luke 4:4 But Jesus told him, "No! The Scriptures say, 'People do not live by bread alone.'"

Luke 7:41 Then Jesus told him this story: "A man loaned money to two people—500 pieces of silver to one and 50 pieces to the other."

Luke 8:4 One day Jesus told a story in the form of a parable to a large crowd that had gathered from many towns to hear him:

Luke 8:55 And at that moment her life returned, and she immediately stood up! Then Jesus told them to give her something to eat.

Luke 9:60 But Jesus told him, "Let the spiritually dead bury their own dead! Your duty is to go and preach about the Kingdom of God."

Luke 9:62 But Jesus told him, "Anyone who puts a hand to the plow and then looks back is not fit for the Kingdom of God."

Luke 10:28 "Right!" Jesus told him. "Do this and you will live!"

Luke 13:6 Then Jesus told this story: "A man planted a fig tree in his garden and came again and again to see if there was any fruit on it, but he was always disappointed."

Luke 15:3 So Jesus told them this story:

Luke 15:11 To illustrate the point further, Jesus told them this story: "A man had two sons."

Luke 16:1 Jesus told this story to his disciples: "There was a certain rich man who had a manager handling his affairs. One day a report came that the manager was wasting his employer's money."

Luke 18: 1 One day Jesus told his disciples a story to show that they should always pray and never give up.

Luke 18:9 Then Jesus told this story to some who had great confidence in their own righteousness and scorned everyone else:

Luke 22:25 Jesus told them, "In this world the kings and great men lord it over their people, yet they are called 'friends of the people.'"

John 2:7 Jesus told the servants, "Fill the jars with water." When the jars had been filled,

John 4:16 "Go and get your husband," Jesus told her.

John 4:26 Then Jesus told her, "I am the Messiah!"

John 4:50 Then Jesus told him, "Go back home. Your son will live!" And the man believed what Jesus said and started home.

John 5:8 Jesus told him, "Stand up, pick up your mat, and walk!"

John 6:12 After everyone was full, Jesus told his disciples, "Now gather the leftovers, so that nothing is wasted."

John 6:29 Jesus told them, "This is the only work God wants from you: Believe in the one he has sent."

John 7:16 So Jesus told them, "My message is not my own; it comes from God who sent me."

John 7:33 But Jesus told them, "I will be with you only a little longer. Then I will return to the one who sent me."



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John 8:14 Jesus told them, "These claims are valid even though I make them about myself. For I know where I came from and where I am going, but you don't know this about me."
John 8:42 Jesus told them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, because I have come to you from God. I am not here on my own, but he sent me."
John 9:39 Then Jesus told him, "I entered this world to render judgment—to give sight to the blind and to show those who think they see that they are blind."
John 11:23 Jesus told her, "Your brother will rise again."
John 11:25 Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying."
John 11:39 "Roll the stone aside," Jesus told them. But Martha, the dead man's sister, protested, "Lord, he has been dead for four days. The smell will be terrible."
John 11:44 And the dead man came out, his hands and feet bound in graveclothes, his face wrapped in a headcloth. Jesus told them, "Unwrap him and let him go!"
John 12:30 Then Jesus told them, "The voice was for your benefit, not mine."
John 13:27 When Judas had eaten the bread, Satan entered into him. Then Jesus told him, "Hurry and do what you're going to do."
John 14: 6 Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me."
John 20:29 Then Jesus told him, "You believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who believe without seeing me."
John 21:15 After breakfast Jesus asked Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," Peter replied, "you know I love you." "Then feed my lambs," Jesus told him.
John 21:19 Jesus said this to let him know by what kind of death he would glorify God. Then Jesus told him, "Follow me."

SO, **How** does Christ establish relationship with us now?

PRAYER as RELATIONSHIP

Invites us to BELIEVE:

Revelation 3:20

- (Rev. 3:20...stands at the door knocking...asking for relationship.

Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.

Progresses to FILLING us with His Spirit:

John 14:16-18 NKJV

¹⁶And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— ¹⁷the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. ¹⁸I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

John 7:37b "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scriptures has said, streams of living water will flow from within him." (Isaiah 55:1a)

Once the Spirit is free flowing, do we just await Spirit connection? (Wear a funny little Spirit antenna?)
 NO...it is Relationship...He Communicates with US!

Communication via Wikipedia:

- **Communication** is the process of **transferring** information from one living source to another.
- **Communication** is commonly defined as "the imparting or interchange of thoughts, opinions, or information by speech, writing, or signs..."^[1],

1: an act or instance of transmitting and



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3 a: "a process by which information is exchanged between individuals through a common system of symbols, signs, or behavior ... *also:* exchange of information".

^[2] Communication can be perceived as a two-way [process](#) in which there is an exchange and progression of [thoughts](#), [feelings](#) or [ideas](#) towards a mutually accepted^[clarification needed] goal or direction.

How does this process happen with a Supernatural being?

Luke 11:1 *“Lord, teach us to pray”*

- *“Prayer is not a freewill offering to God; it is an obligatory service, something which He requires.” Dietrich Bonhoeffer*
- *“Real prayer comes not from gritting our teeth but from falling in love.” R. Foster*

Five LIES (misconceptions) regarding PRAYER:

1. Prayer mainly involves asking for things. (Is this a healthy relationship?)
2. Prayer must always be a struggle to be real.
3. We live in a closed universe. (God does not enter/interfere into this world.)
4. Our faith will crumble if our prayers are not answered right away.
5. Pray once, any more shows lack of faith

Sooooo many ways to PRACTICE. Takes the piety out of prayer for me and gives MANY options for prayer to just be a part of my everyday.

Outlines to Practice

(from Richard Foster's book Prayer: Finding the Heart's True Home)

.MOVING INWARD. (Moving Upward & Moving Outward)

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| • The Simple Prayer | • The Prayer of Relinquishment |
| • The Prayer of Forsaken | • The Formation Prayer |
| • The Prayer of Examen | • The Covenant Prayer |
| • The Prayer of Tears (Penthos) | |

The SIMPLE prayer:

Bringing ordinary, human concerns to a loving and compassionate Father.

Numbers 11:11-12(Moses), *So Moses said to the Lord, “Why have You afflicted Your servant? And why have I not found favor in Your sight, that You have laid the ^[a]burden of all these people on me? ¹² Did I conceive all these people? Did I beget them, that You should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a guardian carries a nursing child,’ to the land which You swore^[b] to their fathers?*

2Kings 2:24(Elisha) *So he turned around and looked at them, and pronounced a curse on them in the name of the Lord. And two female bears came out of the woods and mauled forty-two of the youths.*

- **Goal:** To “Lay before Him what is in us, not what ought to be in us.” C.S.Lewis



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The prayer of the FORSAKEN:

Matt 27:46 *And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?” that is, “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?”*

Psalm 42:9 *I will say to God my Rock, “Why have You forgotten me? Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?”*

Psalm 22:2 *O My God, I cry in the daytime, but You do not hear; And in the night season, and am not silent.*

- **Goal:** Express The “Dark Night of the Soul”. Humanity.

The prayer of EXAMEN: Examen (The accurate assessment of the true situation).

Psalm 139:1 *O Lord, You have searched me and known me.*

² You know my sitting down and my rising up;
 You understand my thought afar off.
³ You ^[a]comprehend my path and my lying down,
 And are acquainted with all my ways.
⁴ For *there* is not a word on my tongue,
 But behold, O Lord, You know it altogether.
⁵ You have ^[a]hedged me behind and before,
 And laid Your hand upon me.
⁶ *Such* knowledge is too wonderful for me;
 It is high, I cannot *attain* it.
⁷ Where can I go from Your Spirit?
 Or where can I flee from Your presence?
⁸ If I ascend into heaven, You *are* there;
 If I make my bed in ^[a]hell, behold, You *are there*.
⁹ If I take the wings of the morning,
 And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
¹⁰ Even there Your hand shall lead me,

And Your right hand shall hold me.
¹¹ If I say, “Surely the darkness shall ^[a]fall on me,”
 Even the night shall be light about me;
¹² Indeed, the darkness ^[a]shall not hide from You,
 But the night shines as the day;
 The darkness and the light *are* both alike to You.
¹³ For You formed my inward parts;
 You ^[a]covered me in my mother’s womb.
¹⁴ I will praise You, for ^[a]I am fearfully *and* wonderfully made;
 Marvelous are Your works,
 And *that* my soul knows very well.
¹⁵ My ^[a]frame was not hidden from You,
 When I was made in secret,
 And skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.
¹⁶ Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed.
 And in Your book they all were written,
 The days fashioned for me,
 When *as yet there were* none of them.

¹⁷ How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God!
 How great is the sum of them!
¹⁸ If I should count them, they would be more in number than the sand;
 When I awake, I am still with You.
¹⁹ Oh, that You would slay the wicked, O God!
 Depart from me, therefore, you ^[a]bloodthirsty men.
²⁰ For they speak against You wickedly;
^[a]Your enemies take *Your name* in vain.
²¹ Do I not hate them, O Lord, who hate You?
 And do I not loathe those who rise up against You?
²² I hate them with ^[a]perfect hatred;
 I count them my enemies.
²³ Search me, O God, and know my heart;
 Try me, and know my anxieties;
²⁴ And see if *there is any* wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting.

1 Chronicles 28:9

“As for you, my son Solomon, know the God of your father, and serve Him with a loyal heart and with a willing mind; for the Lord searches all hearts and understands all the intent of the thoughts. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will cast you off forever.

1 Corinthians 2:10

But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.

- **Goal:**
 Conscious: NOTICE Him 24/7. To tap into HIS awareness.
 Accurate: Inviting God’s gut wrenching honesty. Noticing. **Aware.** “The ART of being present”
 Assessment: It is the gift of self knowledge
- **Goal:** The gift of Self Knowledge. To see the MIGHTY in God.



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The prayer of TEARS(Penthos): *Broken and contrite heart*

Acts 2:37 *Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?"*

Job 16:20 *My friends scorn me; My eyes pour out tears to God.*

Jer. 9:1 *Oh, that my head were waters, And my eyes a fountain of tears, That I might weep day and night For the slain of the daughter of my people!*

Lamentations 2:18 *Their heart cried out to the Lord, "O wall of the daughter of Zion, Let tears run down like a river day and night; Give yourself no relief; Give ^[a]your eyes no rest.*

Psalms 56:8 *You number my wanderings; Put my tears into Your bottle; Are they not in Your book?*

Psalms 126:5 *Those who sow in tears Shall reap in joy.*

Matthew 23:37 *"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing!*

Luke 6:21 *Blessed are you who hunger now, For you shall be filled.^[a] Blessed are you who weep now, For you shall laugh.*

Acts 20:19 *...serving the Lord with all humility, with many tears and trials which happened to me by the plotting of the Jews;*

2 Cor. 2:4 *For out of much ^[a]affliction and anguish of heart I wrote to you, with many tears, not that you should be grieved, but that you might know the love which I have so abundantly for you.,*

Isaiah 16:9; Psalms 5:17, 6:6, Luke 7:36-50; Hebrews 5:7; 2 Cor. 7:7-1, 31;

- **Goal:** To Grieve WITH Him

Prayer of RELINQUISHMENT: Self emptying, Surrender, Abandonment, Release

Luke 22:39-36 Gethsemane

Coming out, He went to the Mount of Olives, as He was accustomed, and His disciples also followed Him.

John 12:24 *Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much ^[a]grain.*

- **Goal:** Submission (I don't get it but I get YOU, LORD)

The FORMATION prayer:

"None of us will keep up a life of prayer unless we are prepared to change." Richard Foster

Philippians 2:12 *Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;*

1 Timothy 4:7 *But reject profane and old wives' fables, and exercise yourself toward godliness.*

2 Timothy 3:1-5 *But know this: Difficult times will come in the last days. ² For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy,³ unloving, irreconcilable, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, without love for what is good, ⁴ traitors, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, ⁵ holding to the form of godliness but denying its power. Avoid these people!*



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Phil 3:12-14 *Not that I have already attained,¹² or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. ¹³ Brethren, I do not count myself to have ¹³apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, ¹⁴ I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.*

Being pursued by God: Jer 18 (Clay in the Master Potter’s hands.)

Real Prayer is Conversatio morum = Death to the status quo.

Constant change. Constant conversion. Constant openness to the moving of the Spirit.

- **Goal:** You are God. I am not.

The COVENANT prayer:

“What we need is a desire to know the whole will of God, with a fixed resolution to do it.” John Wesley

Psalm 57:7 (My heart is fixed)

My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast; I will sing and give praise.

- **Goal:** Do not give up.

.MOVING UPWARD. (Moving Outward. Moving Inward)

Seeking the Intimacy we need

The prayer of ADORATION:

- For who He is.
- For what He has done for us.

Psalm 35:18 *I will give You thanks in the great assembly; I will praise You among many people.*

1 Chronicles 16:4-36 4: *And he appointed some of the Levites to minister before the ark of the Lord, to commemorate, to thank, and to praise the Lord God of Israel:*

Leviticus 7:12 *If he offers it for a thanksgiving, then he shall offer, with the sacrifice of thanksgiving, unleavened cakes mixed with oil, unleavened wafers anointed with oil, or cakes of blended flour mixed with oil.*

Ps. 30:12 (The entire book of Psalms)

To the end that my ¹²glory may sing praise to You and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to You forever.

Obstacles:

Inattention: We cannot adore what we do not see.

Wrong kind of attention: Beginning but getting distracted & then, frustrated.

Greed: Encore! Instead of enjoying the pleasures He has sent we continue to ask for more pleasure.

Conceit: Self-righteousness...how wonderful we are for noticing God.

- **Goal:** Practice Daily. Our “go to” prayer. Journal this Worship.



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The prayer of REST

Allowing God to place us into the EYE of the storm.

Matthew 11:29 *Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.*

Hebrew 4:9 *There remains therefore a rest for the people of God.*

- **Goal:** Recognizing what is happening in the storm around us does not define us nor our life. HE defines us. HE is the eye of the storm.

The SACRAMENTAL prayer:

Liturgy, Sacrament, Written Prayer vs. Intimacy, Informality, Spontaneous Prayer.

Luke 4:16...as was His custom.

So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read.

Using structure for discipline, being real within that structure.

Luke 11:2-4 (The Lord’s Prayer = the Paternoster)

² *So He said to them, “When you pray, say:*

Our^[a] Father ^[b]in heaven,

Hallowed be Your name.

Your kingdom come.

^[c]Your will be done

On earth as it is in heaven.

³ *Give us day by day our daily bread.*

⁴ *And forgive us our sins,*

For we also forgive everyone who is indebted to us.

And do not lead us into temptation,

^[d]But deliver us from the evil one.”

LESSONS FROM THE MODEL PRAYER: MATTHEW 6:9-13

Prepare:

- Pure heart and motive (Matt. 6:5–8).
- Private conversation intent on invoking His presence (Matt. 6:6).
- Meaningful communication (Matt. 6:7, 8; Luke 18:1–8).
- Presentation of specific requests (Matt. 6:9–13; see 1 Sam. 12:23, 24 far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord by failing to pray for u.).

Pray:

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| Our Father in heaven” (Matt 6:9) | Recognize who He is—the PERSON. | Rom. 8:15; see Is. 64:8 |
| Hallowed be Your name” (Matt. 6:9) | Adore Him because of who He is—PRAISE. | Ps. 18:3; 96:8 |
| Your kingdom come/ Your will be done” (Matt. 6:10) | Seek and do God’s will. His word His Word is the path to finding His will—PURPOSE. | 1 John 5:14 |
| Give us this day our daily bread” (Matt. 6:11) | Ask God to meet even your most mundane needs to accomplish your spiritual duties—PETITION. | Phil. 4:9 |
| And forgive us” (Matt. 6:12) | Ask God to forgive your debts or your failures to give obedience due Him—PARDON. | Ps. 66:18; Hos. 14:2 |
| And do not lead us into temptation” (Matt. 6:13) | Seek a way of escape from the evil of temptation—PROTECTION, not removal from any trials but from judgment that comes when you are overcome by trials. | 1 Cor. 10:13; James 1:2, 3 |
| For Yours is the kingdom” (Matt. 6:13) | This benediction is also a doxology—PRAISE AND PERSON. | |

This model teaches the manner and method of prayer and shares matters for which to pray.

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- **Goal:** Experiencing the Community in shared prayer.

The UNCEASING prayer:

Is this possible? How? Spirit prays...

Romans 8:26 *Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession ^{to}for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.*

1 Thessalonians 5:17 *pray without ceasing,*

Romans 12:12 *rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer*

Ephesians 6:18 *praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—*

Colossians 4:2 *Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving*

¹Thomas Nelson, I. 1997, c1995. *Woman's study Bible* . (Mt 6:24). Thomas Nelson: Nashville



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Philippians 4:6 *Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God*

Hebrews 13:15 *Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, ^{giving} thanks to His name.*

Luke 18:13 *The Breath/Flash prayer....Conversational and Spontaneous*

And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!'

- **Goal: PRACTICING HIS PRESENCE**

Jesus' Model of Perpetual Communion

John 5:19 *Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner.*

John 5:30 *I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me.*

John 14:11 *Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves.*

John 15:1-11 *"I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. ² Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He ^{takes} away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³ You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.*

⁵ "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. ⁶ If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. ⁷ If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you ^{will} ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. ⁸ By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples. ⁹ "As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. ¹⁰ If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. ¹¹ "These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full.

The prayer of the HEART: Being naked/transparent before Him. The prayer of Intimacy, an Abba prayer.

Galatians 4:6 *And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!"*

Luke 13:34 *"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, but you were not willing!*

Psalms 103:13 *As a father pities his children, So the Lord pities those who fear Him.*

Hosea 11:1-4 *"When Israel was a ^{child}, I loved him, And out of Egypt I called My son.*

² ^{As} they called them, So they went ^{from} them; They sacrificed to the Baals, And burned incense to carved images. ³ "I taught Ephraim to walk, Taking them by ^{their} arms; But they did not know that I healed them. ⁴ I drew them with ^{gentle} cords, With bands of love, And I was to them as those who take the yoke from their ^{neck}. I stooped and fed them.



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Isaiah 66:13 *As one whom his mother comforts, So I will comfort you; And you shall be comforted in Jerusalem."*

Luke 11:2 *So He said to them, "When you pray, say: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven.*

- **Goal:** Communicating with YOUR Father

The MEDITATIVE prayer: Chewing your cud type of prayer.

"The truth being meditated upon passes from the mouth into the mind and down into the heart, where through quiet rumination-regurgitation, if you will, it produces in the person praying a loving, faith-filled response." Richard Foster

Assignment: Meditate on Luke chpt. 1. Chew on it, personalize it. Imagine.

- **Goal:** Asking the LORD to teach you what is being said. Communicating with the LORD via scripture. ONE VERSE for an entire week. Asking Him to speak to you about that verse.

The CONTEMPLATIVE prayer:

"Immerses us into the silence of God." R.F.

Psalms 62:1 *Truly my soul silently waits for God; From Him comes my salvation.*

1 Chronicles 25:1

*Moreover David and the captains of the army separated for the service some of the sons of Asaph, of Heman, and of Jeduthun, who **should prophesy with harps, stringed instruments, and cymbals.** And the number of the skilled men performing their service was:*

Psalms 33:20 *Our soul waits for the Lord; He is our help and our shield.*

- **Goal:** Removing distraction. Praying without words

.MOVING OUTWARD. (Moving Inward. Moving Upward.)

Praying the ORDINARY

1. Turn ordinary experiences of life into prayer.
2. Seeing God in the ordinary experiences.
3. Praying throughout the ordinary experiences of life.

Genesis 1:1 *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.*

31 *Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day.*



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1 Corinthians 10:31 *Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.*

- **Goal:** Noticing God in the everydayness of our life. (Quadrant Living)

The PETITIONARY prayer:

Matthew 7:7-8 *"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ⁸ For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.*

9-11 *Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? ¹⁰ Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent? ¹¹ If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!*

James 4:3 (warning)

You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures.

John 16:24 *Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.*

John 15:4-7 *Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.*

⁵ *"I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. ⁶ If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. ⁷ If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.*

Luke 18:1-8 *Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart, ² saying: "There was in a certain city a judge who did not fear God nor regard man. ³ Now there was a widow in that city; and she came to him, saying, 'Get justice for me from my adversary.' ⁴ And he would not for a while; but afterward he said within himself, 'Though I do not fear God nor regard man, ⁵ yet because this widow troubles me I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.' "*

⁶ *Then the Lord said, "Hear what the unjust judge said. ⁷ And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them? ⁸ I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?"*

- **Goal:** To ASK.



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The INTECESSARY prayer:

“Intercessory prayer is the purifying bath into which the individual and the fellowship must enter every day.” Dietrich Bonhoeffer

If we truly love others...we pray. NOT A SPECIAL CALLING FOR SOME BUT A PERScription FOR ALL BELIEVERS

1 Samuel 12:23 *Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord^(a) in ceasing to pray for you; but^(b) I will teach you the^(c) good and the right way.*

Exodus 17:8-12 the ie. of Moses

Now Amalek came and fought with Israel in Rephidim. ⁹ And Moses said to Joshua, “Choose us some men and go out, fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with^(c) the rod of God in my hand.” ¹⁰ So Joshua did as Moses said to him, and fought with Amalek. And Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. ¹¹ And so it was, when Moses^(b) held up his hand, that Israel prevailed; and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed. ¹² But Moses’ hands became^(a) heavy; so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it. And Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun.

Romans 8:34 *Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, ^(b)who is even at the right hand of God, ^(c)who also makes intercession for us.*

Hebrews 7:25 *Therefore He is also ^(a)able to save^(a) to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives ^(b)to make intercession for them.*

John 13 – 17

1 Tim. 2:5 *For there is one God and ^(b)one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus,*

- **Goal:** To stand in the place of another via prayer.

The HEALING prayer:

Seeing all aspects:

Matthew 12:15 *But when Jesus knew it, ^(a)He withdrew from there. ^(b)And great^(a) multitudes followed Him, and He healed them all.*

John 9:1-12 *Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth. ² And His disciples asked Him, saying, “Rabbi, ^(a)who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”*

³ Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned, ^(b)but that the works of God should be revealed in him. ⁴ ^(c) ^(d) must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is ^(d) day; the night is coming when no one can work. ⁵ As long as I am in the world, ^(e) I am the light of the world.”

⁶ When He had said these things, ^(e) He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva; and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay. ⁷ And He said to him, “Go, wash ^(g) in the pool of Siloam” (which is translated, Sent). So ^(h) he went and washed, and came back seeing. ⁸ Therefore the neighbors and those who previously had seen that he was ^(b) blind said, “Is not this he who sat and begged?” ⁹ Some said, “This is he.” Others said, ⁽ⁱ⁾ “He is like him.” He said, “I am he.” ¹⁰ Therefore they said to him, “How were your eyes opened?” ¹¹ He answered and said, ^(j) “A Man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, ‘Go to ^(d) the pool of Siloam and wash.’ So I went and washed, and I received sight.” ¹² Then they said to him, “Where is He?” He said, “I do not know.”



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Mark 9:14-29 vs 29: *So He said to them, "This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting." [Boy with the mute spirit that the Disciples could not 'heal']*

When He says no...how do you know and what do you do?

Hebrews 6:1-6,

Mark 6:5 *Now He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them.*

Mark 8:22-25 *Then He came to Bethsaida; and they brought a blind man to Him, and begged Him to touch him. ²³ So He took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the town. And when He had spit on his eyes and put His hands on him, He asked him if he saw anything.*

²⁴ *And he looked up and said, "I see men like trees, walking."*

²⁵ *Then He put His hands on his eyes again and made him look up. And he was restored and saw everyone clearly.*

Acts 28:7-10 *In that region there was an estate of the leading citizen of the island, whose name was Publius, who received us and entertained us courteously for three days. ⁸ And it happened that the father of Publius lay sick of a fever and dysentery. Paul went in to him and prayed, and he laid his hands on him and healed him. ⁹ So when this was done, the rest of those on the island who had diseases also came and were healed. ¹⁰ They also honored us in many ways; and when we departed, they provided such things as were necessary.*

Mark 16:17-18 *And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; ¹⁸ they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."*

- **Goal:** Practicing Faith.
 1. We listen.
 2. We ask.
 3. We believe. **Mark 9:24** *Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!"*
 4. We give thanks.

The prayer of SUFFERING:

Jesus' ie. **Luke 23:34** *Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do." And they divided His garments and cast lots.*

Colossians 1:24 *I now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up in my flesh what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ, for the sake of His body, which is the church,*

***Philippians 3:10** *that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,*

Romans 8:18 *For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.*



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Hebrews 12:2 *looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.*

1 Peter 4:13 *but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy.*

Isaiah 53:3 *He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.*

Hebrews 5:7 *who, in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His godly fear,*

Romans 8:35-39 *Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written:*

"For Your sake we are killed all day long;

We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter."

³⁷ Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Revelation 5 & 19..authority through suffering.

- **Goal:** Understanding....the Life of Christ and how ours is to be. (This is NOT Heaven).

The AUTHORITATIVE prayer:

Exodus 14:15-16

And the Lord said to Moses, "Why do you cry to Me? Tell the children of Israel to go forward. ¹⁶ But lift up your rod, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it. And the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea.

Mark 11:23

For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says.

Mark 7:6

He answered and said to them, "Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written:

'This people honors Me with their lips,

But their heart is far from Me.

Mark 11:23 *For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says.*



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Mark 9:14-29 And when He came to the disciples, He saw a great multitude around them, and scribes disputing with them. ¹⁵ Immediately, when they saw Him, all the people were greatly amazed, and running to Him, greeted Him. ¹⁶ And He asked the scribes, "What are you discussing with them?" ¹⁷ Then ^(C) one of the crowd answered and said, "Teacher, I brought You my son, who has a mute spirit. ¹⁸ And wherever it seizes him, it throws him down; he foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth, and becomes rigid. So I spoke to Your disciples, that they should cast it out, but they could not." ¹⁹ He answered him and said, "O ^(D) faithless^(a) generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I ^(D) bear with you? Bring him to Me." ²⁰ Then they brought him to Him. And ^(E) when he saw Him, immediately the spirit convulsed him, and he fell on the ground and wallowed, foaming at the mouth. ²¹ So He asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. ²² And often he has thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." ²³ **Jesus said to him, ^(F) "If^(a) you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes."**

²⁴ Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; ^(G) help my unbelief!" ²⁵ When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He ^(H) rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!" ²⁶ Then the spirit cried out, convulsed him greatly, and came out of him. And he became as one dead, so that many said, "He is dead." ²⁷ But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. ²⁸ ^(I) And when He had come into the house, His disciples asked Him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" ²⁹ So He said to them, **"This kind can come out by nothing but ^(J) prayer^(a) and fasting."**

Luke 9:1-6 Then ^(B) He called His twelve disciples together and ^(C) gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases. ² ^(D) He sent them to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick. ³ ^(E) And He said to them, "Take nothing for the journey, neither staffs nor bag nor bread nor money; and do not have two tunics apiece. ⁴ ^(F) "Whatever house you enter, stay there, and from there depart. ⁵ ^(G) And whoever will not receive you, when you go out of that city, ^(H) shake off the very dust from your feet as a testimony against them."

⁶ ^(I) So they departed and went through the towns, preaching the gospel and healing everywhere.

Luke 10:9 And heal the sick there, and say to them, ^(B) 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'

Luke 10:17 Then ^(A) the ^(a) seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name."

Luke 10:21 In that hour Jesus rejoiced in the Spirit and said, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and revealed them to babes. Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight.

John 14:12 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.

Matthew 16:18 And I also say to you that ^(a) you are Peter, and ^(b) on this rock I will build My church, and ^(c) the gates of Hades shall not ^(d) prevail against it.

Ephesians 6:13-18 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand ^(e) in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

¹⁴ Stand therefore, ^(f) having girded your waist with truth, ^(g) having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵ ^(h) and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; ¹⁶ above all, taking ⁽ⁱ⁾ the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. ¹⁷ And ^(j) take the helmet of salvation, and ^(k) the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; ¹⁸ ^(l) praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, ^(m) being watchful to this end with all perseverance and ⁽ⁿ⁾ supplication for all the saints—

Ephesians chpt. 1 = Christ's heavenly position of authority.

Ephesians chpt. 2 = Our heavenly position of authority.



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Ephesians 2:6 *and raised us up together, and made us sit together ^(A)in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,*

Ephesians 6:10-20 *Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. ¹¹ ^(A)Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the ^(A)wiles of the devil. ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against ^(B)principalities, against powers, against ^(C)the rulers of ^(B)the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. ¹³ ^(D)Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand ^(E)in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.*

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Spiritual Warfare warning:

1 Peter 5:8 *Be ^(Q)sober, be ^(R)vigilant; ^(S)because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.*

1 John 4:4 *You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.*

- **Goal:** Calling forth the will of the Father upon the Earth...Thy will be done...

**Christ's authority has been given to us as an inheritance.
WHAT are we to do with it?**

The RADICAL prayer:

The word radical comes from the latin word radix which means root.

Prayer that gets to the root, the center, the truth.

Amos 5:24 *But let justice run down like water, And righteousness like a mighty stream.*

Genesis 18, Exodus 32, Esther 4

- **Goal:** Calling forth the revealed will of God (Scripture).

Isaiah 56:7 *Even them I will ^(T)bring to My holy mountain, And make them joyful in My ^(U)house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices Will be ^(V)accepted on My altar; For ^(W)My house shall be called a house of prayer ^(X)for all nations."*

(Luke 19:46)

Matthew 6:19-21

¹⁹ *Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰ but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth*



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nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

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NOTES:

1 Chronicles 16:4-36 ⁴ *And he appointed some of the Levites to minister before the ark of the Lord, to commemorate, to thank, and to praise the Lord God of Israel: ⁵ Asaph the chief, and next to him Zechariah, then Jeiel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Mattithiah, Eliab, Benaiah, and Obed-Edom: Jeiel with stringed instruments and harps, but Asaph made music with cymbals; ⁶ Benaiah and Jahaziel the priests regularly blew the trumpets before the ark of the covenant of God.*

David's Song of Thanksgiving

⁷ *On that day David first delivered this psalm into the hand of Asaph and his brethren, to thank the Lord:*

⁸ Oh, give thanks to the Lord!
 Call upon His name;
 Make known His deeds among the peoples!

⁹ Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him;
 Talk of all His wondrous works!

¹⁰ Glory in His holy name;
 Let the hearts of those rejoice who seek the Lord!

¹¹ Seek the Lord and His strength;
 Seek His face evermore!

¹² Remember His marvelous works which He has done,
 His wonders, and the judgments of His mouth,

¹³ O seed of Israel His servant,
 You children of Jacob, His chosen ones!

¹⁴ He is the Lord our God;
 His judgments are in all the earth.

¹⁵ Remember His covenant forever,
 The word which He commanded, for a thousand generations,

¹⁶ *The covenant which He made with Abraham,*

And His oath to Isaac,

¹⁷ And confirmed it to Jacob for a statute,
 To Israel for an everlasting

covenant,

¹⁸ Saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan

As the allotment of your inheritance,"

¹⁹ When you were few in number, Indeed very few, and strangers in it.

²⁰ When they went from one nation to another,

And from one kingdom to another people,

²¹ He permitted no man to do them wrong;

Yes, He rebuked kings for their sakes,

²² *Saying, "Do not touch My anointed ones,*

And do My prophets no harm."

²³ Sing to the Lord, all the earth;
 Proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day.

²⁴ Declare His glory among the nations,

His wonders among all peoples.

²⁵ For the Lord is great and greatly to be praised;

He is also to be feared above all gods.

²⁶ For all the gods of the peoples are ^[a]idols,

But the Lord made the heavens.

²⁷ Honor and majesty are before Him;

Strength and gladness are in His place.

²⁸ Give to the Lord, O families of the peoples,

Give to the Lord glory and strength.

²⁹ Give to the Lord the glory due His name;

Bring an offering, and come before Him.

Oh, worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!

³⁰ Tremble before Him, all the earth.
 The world also is firmly established, It shall not be moved.

³¹ Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;

And let them say among the nations, "The Lord reigns."

³² Let the sea roar, and all its fullness;

Let the field rejoice, and all that is in it.

³³ Then the trees of the woods shall rejoice before the Lord,

For He is coming to judge the earth.

³⁴ Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!
 For His mercy endures forever.



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³⁵ And say, "Save us, O God of our salvation;
 Gather us together, and deliver us from the Gentiles,

To give thanks to Your holy name,
 To triumph in Your praise."
³⁶ Blessed *be* the Lord God of Israel
 From everlasting to everlasting!

And all the people said, "Amen!"
 and praised the Lord.

Ephesians

6:18 All prayer is literally "every order of praying," the specific method by which spiritual warfare is carried on. Prayer is to include **supplication in the Spirit**, a phrase that elucidates Rom. 8:26, 27 and Jude 20, where Holy Spirit-assisted prayer is taught and directed. In 1 Cor. 14:14, 15 Paul clearly shows that such praying may include prayer "in a tongue" not known to the person praying.

6:19 The focus of all spiritual warfare is ultimately the opening of doors (Col. 4:3; 1 Cor. 16:9) so that the ministry of the gospel may be advanced.²

PRAYER as PURSUIT:

- act of chasing after something
- act of striving for something

To chase after in order to catch

pur·suit [pər soot]

chase, hunt, search, quest, detection
hobby, recreation, activity, pastime, interest

WHICH ONE AM I?
 WHICH ONE WILL I BE?

Jesus set up a LIFESTYLE of pursuit for the Apostles in Acts 1&2.

- Refused to show Himself as God at the temptation of the enemy. (Did warfare)
- Plain talk with His Disciples showed His heart. (Established relationship)
- Revealed His Sonship (trust, legacy, heritage) to those who **believed**. (post resurrection interaction for 40 days)

| FEMALE METAPHORS FOR GOD | |
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| A Picture of God as: | Scripture Reference |
| Conceiving, carrying life in His womb, laboring, and giving birth | Job 38:8; Is. 42:14; John 3:6 |
| Nursing mother | Num. 11:12; Ps. 131:1, 2; Is. 49:15; 1 Pet. 2:2, 3 |

² Hayford, J. W., ed. (1997). *Spirit filled life study Bible* (electronic ed., Eph 6:18–19). Thomas Nelson.



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| Nurturing mother | Job 10:10–12; Is. 46:3, 4; Hos. 11:3, 4 |
| Midwife | Ps. 22:9, 10; Is. 66:9 |
| Mistress of the house | Ps. 123:2 |
| Mother bear | Hos. 13:8 |
| Mother eagle | Deut. 32:11, 12 |
| Mother hen | Luke 13:34 |
| <p>Many rich female metaphors for God are found in Scripture. A metaphor is a figure of speech in which a term or phrase implies a comparison between something essentially unlike another in order to suggest a resemblance. Therefore, although female metaphors for God can be found, the literary devices do not imply that the masculine pronouns God chose to use for Himself can be altered or cast aside. However, they do indicate that the character of God encompasses and supersedes both masculinity and femininity. God is neither female nor male, although He may choose to liken His role to that of a mother when He conceives, bears, nurses, nurtures, and cares for His children. The umbilical metaphor is a useful tool to reveal God’s nature and to communicate His love and concern through simple examples easily understood by all people.</p> | |
| <p><i>See also notes on Attributes of God (Ex. 33; Deut. 4, 32; 2 Chr. 19; Job 23, 42; Ps. 25, 90, 102, 119; Is. 6, 65; Jer. 23; Rom. 2; Eph. 1; 1 John 5); Fatherhood of God (Rom. 8); Goddess Religion (Ex. 20)³</i></p> | |

1 Chronicles 16:4-36

³ Thomas Nelson, I. (1995). *The Woman’s Study Bible*. Thomas Nelson.



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NKJV ⁴ And he appointed some of the Levites to minister before the ark of the Lord, to commemorate, to thank, and to praise the Lord God of Israel: ⁵ Asaph the chief, and next to him Zechariah, *then* Jeiel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Mattithiah, Eliab, Benaiah, and Obed-Edom: Jeiel with stringed instruments and harps, but Asaph made music with cymbals; ⁶ Benaiah and Jahaziel the priests regularly *blew* the trumpets before the ark of the covenant of God.

David's Song of Thanksgiving

⁷ On that day David first delivered *this psalm* into the hand of Asaph and his brethren, to thank the Lord:

⁸ Oh, give thanks to the Lord!
Call upon His name;
Make known His deeds among the peoples!
⁹ Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him;
Talk of all His wondrous works!
¹⁰ Glory in His holy name;
Let the hearts of those rejoice who seek the Lord!
¹¹ Seek the Lord and His strength;
Seek His face evermore!
¹² Remember His marvelous works which He has done,
His wonders, and the judgments of His mouth,
¹³ O seed of Israel His servant,
You children of Jacob, His chosen ones!
¹⁴ He *is* the Lord our God;
His judgments *are* in all the earth.
¹⁵ Remember His covenant forever,
The word which He commanded, for a thousand generations,
¹⁶ *The covenant which* He made with Abraham,
And His oath to Isaac,
¹⁷ And confirmed it to Jacob for a statute,
To Israel *for* an everlasting covenant,
¹⁸ Saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan
As the allotment of your inheritance,"
¹⁹ When you were few in number,
Indeed very few, and strangers in it.
²⁰ When they went from one nation to another,
And from *one* kingdom to another people,
²¹ He permitted no man to do them wrong;
Yes, He rebuked kings for their sakes,

²² *Saying*, "Do not touch My anointed ones,
And do My prophets no harm."
²³ Sing to the Lord, all the earth;
Proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day.
²⁴ Declare His glory among the nations,
His wonders among all peoples.
²⁵ For the Lord *is* great and greatly to be praised;
He *is* also to be feared above all gods.
²⁶ For all the gods of the peoples *are* ^[a]idols,
But the Lord made the heavens.
²⁷ Honor and majesty *are* before Him;
Strength and gladness are in His place.
²⁸ Give to the Lord, O families of the peoples,
Give to the Lord glory and strength.
²⁹ Give to the Lord the glory *due* His name;
Bring an offering, and come before Him.
Oh, worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!
³⁰ Tremble before Him, all the earth.
The world also is firmly established,
It shall not be moved.
³¹ Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
And let them say among the nations,
"The Lord reigns."
³² Let the sea roar, and all its fullness;
Let the field rejoice, and all that *is* in it.
³³ Then the trees of the woods shall rejoice before
the Lord,
For He is coming to judge the earth.
³⁴ Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for *He is* good!
For His mercy *endures* forever.
³⁵ And say, "Save us, O God of our salvation;
Gather us together, and deliver us from the Gentiles,
To give thanks to Your holy name,
To triumph in Your praise."
³⁶ Blessed *be* the Lord God of Israel
From everlasting to everlasting!

And all the people said, "Amen!" and praised the Lord.

NLT ⁴ David appointed the following Levites to lead the people in worship before the Ark of the Lord—to invoke his blessings, to give thanks, and to praise the Lord, the God of Israel. ⁵ Asaph, the leader of this



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group, sounded the cymbals. Second to him was Zechariah, followed by Jeiel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Mattithiah, Eliab, Benaiah, Obed-edom, and Jeiel. They played the harps and lyres. ⁶The priests, Benaiah and Jahaziel, played the trumpets regularly before the Ark of God's Covenant.

David's Song of Praise

⁷ On that day David gave to Asaph and his fellow Levites this song of thanksgiving to the Lord:

⁸ Give thanks to the Lord and proclaim his greatness.
Let the whole world know what he has done.

⁹ Sing to him; yes, sing his praises.

Tell everyone about his wonderful deeds.

¹⁰ Exult in his holy name;
rejoice, you who worship the Lord.

¹¹ Search for the Lord and for his strength;
continually seek him.

¹² Remember the wonders he has performed,
his miracles, and the rulings he has given,

¹³ you children of his servant Israel,
you descendants of Jacob, his chosen ones.

¹⁴ He is the Lord our God.
His justice is seen throughout the land.

¹⁵ Remember his covenant forever—
the commitment he made to a thousand generations.

¹⁶ This is the covenant he made with Abraham
and the oath he swore to Isaac.

¹⁷ He confirmed it to Jacob as a decree,
and to the people of Israel as a never-ending covenant:

¹⁸ "I will give you the land of Canaan
as your special possession."

¹⁹ He said this when you were few in number,
a tiny group of strangers in Canaan.

²⁰ They wandered from nation to nation,
from one kingdom to another.

²¹ Yet he did not let anyone oppress them.

He warned kings on their behalf:

²² "Do not touch my chosen people,
and do not hurt my prophets."

²³ Let the whole earth sing to the Lord!

Each day proclaim the good news that he saves.

²⁴ Publish his glorious deeds among the nations.
Tell everyone about the amazing things he does.

²⁵ Great is the Lord! He is most worthy of praise!
He is to be feared above all gods.

²⁶ The gods of other nations are mere idols,
but the Lord made the heavens!

²⁷ Honor and majesty surround him;
strength and joy fill his dwelling.

²⁸ O nations of the world, recognize the Lord,
recognize that the Lord is glorious and strong.

²⁹ Give to the Lord the glory he deserves!
Bring your offering and come into his presence.

Worship the Lord in all his holy splendor.

³⁰ Let all the earth tremble before him.
The world stands firm and cannot be shaken.

³¹ Let the heavens be glad, and the earth rejoice!
Tell all the nations, "The Lord reigns!"

³² Let the sea and everything in it shout his praise!
Let the fields and their crops burst out with joy!

³³ Let the trees of the forest sing for joy before
the Lord,
for he is coming to judge the earth.

³⁴ Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!
His faithful love endures forever.

³⁵ Cry out, "Save us, O God of our salvation!
Gather and rescue us from among the nations,
so we can thank your holy name
and rejoice and praise you."

³⁶ Praise the Lord, the God of Israel,
who lives from everlasting to everlasting!

And all the people shouted "Amen!" and praised the Lord.