



# Welcome!

## February 28, 2021

“If the Son sets you free... you are free indeed!” -John 8:36

### Our Worship Gathering

Welcome and Call to Worship

Worship through Song

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Power of Your Love

I Surrender

Worship through Prayer

Worship through Scripture

We Believe & We Will #8: Prayer

Pastor Scott

Worship through Responding

Great are You, Lord

Worship by Going

\*\*If you'd like to *worship by giving*, there is an offering box in the back.

You can also give through the app and web page\*\*

### **Colorado Freedom Church**

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Sundays: Kids and Youth; 5-6 pm; Grades K-12

## Announcements:

- Visit the App Store or Google Play and download the FC App!
- Please consider setting up recurring online giving through the app or web page.

## Upcoming Events:

- March 1-31: Month of Prayer!
- March 20, 9 am-12 pm: SHAPE – Discover how God uniquely designed you for service!
- 3/28 & 4/4: Palm Sunday and Resurrection Sunday; Start Inviting!
- May 30: Lunch with the LEAD Team

## Prayer Matters

*Jesus replied, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind." This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'*

Matthew 22:37-39 (NLT)

### Berean Church

Lincoln, NE –North Pointe Community Church (Andy and Hope)

### Global Outreach

The Harris' – Uganda

### Other

## **Our purpose: Freedom Church exists to glorify God by making and growing more followers of Jesus Christ.**

We believe **Prayer** is authentic communication with God. Therefore, we will practice listening to His thoughts and honestly expressing ours.

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**Believe:** Webster's 1828: To believe on, is to trust, to place full confidence in, to rest upon with faith. To expect or hope with confidence; to trust

### **Authentic:**

Daniel 6:10- *"But when Daniel learned that the law had been signed, he went home and knelt down as usual in his upstairs room, with its windows open toward Jerusalem. He prayed three times a day, just as he had always done, giving thanks to his God."*

Matthew 5:44- *"But I say, love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you!"*

Matthew 6:5-8- *"When you pray, don't be like the hypocrites who love to pray publicly on street corners and in the synagogues where everyone can see them. I tell you the truth, that is all the reward they will ever get. <sup>6</sup> But when you pray, go away by yourself, shut the door behind you, and pray to your Father in private. Then your Father, who sees everything, will reward you. <sup>7</sup> "When you pray, don't babble on and on as the Gentiles do. They think their prayers are answered merely by repeating their words again and again. <sup>8</sup> Don't be like them, for your Father knows exactly what you need even before you ask him!"*

### **Communication with God:**

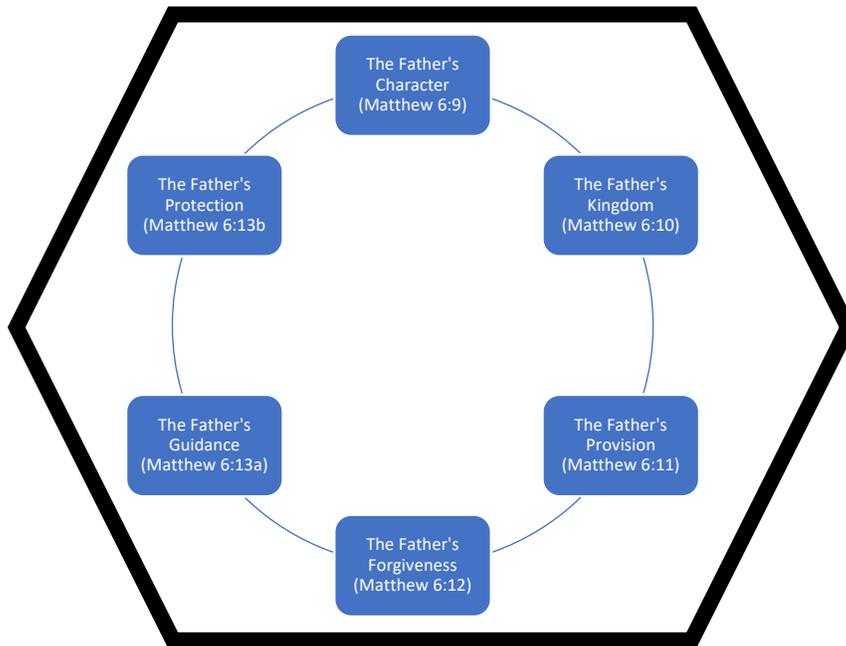
Jeremiah 29:10-14- *"<sup>10</sup> This is what the Lord says: 'You will be in Babylon for seventy years. But then I will come and do for you all the good things I have promised, and I will bring you home again. <sup>11</sup> For I know the plans I have for you,' says the Lord. 'They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. <sup>12</sup> In those days when you pray, I will listen. <sup>13</sup> If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me. <sup>14</sup> I will be found by you,' says the Lord. 'I will end your captivity and restore your fortunes. I will gather you out of the nations where I sent you and will bring you home again to your own land.'"*

Hindrances to effective prayer:

1. Harboring hatred and anger towards others (especially the poor-Proverbs 21:13- *"Those who shut their ears to the cries of the poor will be ignored in their own time of need."*
2. Unconfessed sin (Psalm 66:17-18- *"For I cried out to him for help, praising him as I spoke. <sup>18</sup> If I had not confessed the sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened."*
3. Doubt
4. Asking with wrong motives (1 John 5:14- *"And we are confident that he hears us whenever we ask for anything that pleases him."*
5. Marital discord (1 Peter 3:7- *"In the same way, you husbands must give honor to your wives. Treat your wife with understanding as you live together. She may be weaker than you are, but she is your equal partner in God's gift of new life. Treat her as you should so your prayers will not be hindered."*

## **Therefore, we will...**

**Practice:** Hexagon from Breen's "Passionate Life/Passionate Church"



## **Listening:**

John 15:7- *"But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted!"*

## **His Thoughts:**

John 9:31- *"We know that God doesn't listen to sinners, but he is ready to hear those who worship him and do his will."*

Isaiah 55:8- *"My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts," says the Lord. "And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine."*

## **Honestly Expressing Ours:**

Nehemiah 1:4- *"When I heard this, I sat down and wept. In fact, for days I mourned, fasted, and prayed to the God of heaven."*

Matthew 26:41- *"Keep watch and pray, so that you will not give in to temptation. For the spirit is willing, but the body is weak!"*

Isaiah 59:2- *"It's your sins that have cut you off from God. Because of your sins, he has turned away and will not listen anymore."*

Philippians 4:6-7: *"Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. <sup>7</sup> Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus."*

Ephesians 3:14-19

1 Timothy 2:1-2: *"I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them. <sup>2</sup> Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity."*

Colossians 4:2- *"Devote yourselves to prayer with an alert mind and a thankful heart."*

## **Specific Action Steps**

1. Start with 5 minutes a day of listening and 5 minutes a day of talking
2. 31 Days of Prayer during March
3. Keep a record of prayers