

God's Kingdom: It's (Still) Not What You Think
Why Pray?

Matthew 7:7-12

What is it about prayer that's so important?

Matthew 7:7-8

Maybe prayer was meant to reveal my need

Maybe prayer was meant to reveal my deepest desires

James 4:2-3; Luke 11:5-13; 18:1-8; Matthew 6:33

Maybe prayer was meant to grow a vital relationship

Big idea: Who is this I'm talking to?

Matthew 7:9-11

Who's your daddy?

Psalm 103:1-18; James 1:17

A possible purpose of prayer...

Matthew 7:12

We become kingdom people

Romans 13:8-10; Galatians 5:14; James 2:8

Next week scriptures: Matthew 7:13-14

Connect

What are your thoughts when your children ask for something ... or, how did your parents generally respond when you asked for something?

Reflect

Read Matthew 7:7-12.

What point from Sunday's message touched you the most?

Explore

1. It has been said that knowing God takes faith, focus and follow-through. Discuss this in the context of Matthew 7:7-8.

2. Prayer is basically a request to God as a loving parent. How should this influence the way we approach God and what we expect from him?

4. Read the Golden Rule in Matthew 7:12. What do you think Jesus meant when he said this sums up the Law and the Prophets? (See Micah 6:8 and Galatians 5:14.)

3. Jesus emphasized the importance of persistent, consistent prayer (for example, Luke 11:5-8 & 18:1-5). How do you respond when your prayers aren't answered immediately?

5. Share a couple of examples of how you would like others to treat you. How can you do the same to them?

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Battle Belongs

Verse 1

When all I see is the battle
You see my victory
When all I see is a mountain
You see a mountain moved
And as I walk through the shadow
Your love surrounds me
There's nothing to fear now
For I am safe with You

Chorus

So when I fight I'll fight on my knees
With my hands lifted high
O God the battle belongs to You
And every fear I lay at Your feet
I'll sing through the night
O God the battle belongs to You

Verse 2

And if You are for me
Who can be against me
For Jesus there's nothing
Impossible for You
When all I see are the ashes
You see the beauty
When all I see is a cross
God You see the empty tomb

Bridge

(An) Almighty Fortress You go before us
Nothing can stand against
The power of our God
You shine in the shadows
You win every battle
Nothing can stand against
The power of our God

Man Of Your Word

Verse

All things are possible when we believe
Old chains are breakable when we receive
Yahweh You keep Your promises

Pre-Chorus

If You said it we believe it
If You said it

Chorus

If You said it we believe it (2X)
You're a man of Your word
(REPEAT)

Bridge

We have this confidence
You'll finish what You started
God You have never failed
You won't start with me
You're present in every step
Patient with every heartache
God You have never failed
You won't start with me

Pre-Chorus

I am who You say I am

It Is Well With My Soul

Verse 1

When peace like a river attendeth my way
When sorrow like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot You have taught me to say
It is well it is well with my soul

Verse 2

But Lord it's for Thee for Thy coming we wait
The sky not the grave is our goal
Oh trump of the angel oh voice of the Lord
Blessed hope blessed rest of my soul

Chorus

It is well with my soul
It is well it is well with my soul

Bridge

You are the Rock on which I stand
By Your grace it is well
My hope is sure in Christ my Saviour
It is well with my soul

The Blessing

Verse

The Lord bless you
And keep you
Make his face shine upon you
And be gracious to you
The Lord turn his
Face toward you
And give you peace

Chorus

Amen

Bridge

May his favor
Be upon you
And a thousand generations
And your family
And your children
And their children
And their children

Bridge

May his presence
Go before you
And behind you
And beside you
All around you
And within you
He is with you

Bridge

In the morning
In the evening
In your coming
And your going
In your weeping
And rejoicing
He is for you