

Summer at Epic - Part 5 - Teach Us to Pray
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Once Jesus was in a certain place praying. As he finished, one of his disciples came to him and said, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.” – Luke 11:1

What’s Missing?

- I feel ASHAMED.
- I feel OBLIGATED.
- I don’t know WHAT TO SAY.
- I don’t think God is LISTENING.
- I don’t get an ANSWER.

The Difference

1) Start with WORSHIP.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. – Matthew 6:9

2) Make it PERSONAL not FORMAL.

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. – Matthew 6:5

⁷ When you pray, don’t babble on and on as people of other religions do. They think their prayers are answered merely by repeating their words again and again. ⁸ Don’t be like them, for your Father knows exactly what you need even before you ask him! – Matthew 6:7-8

3) Pray with CONFIDENCE.

¹⁵ This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin. ¹⁶ So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.
- Hebrews 4:15-16

The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results. – James 5:16

4) Fully SURRENDER.

He went on a little farther and bowed with his face to the ground, praying, "My Father! If it is possible, let this cup of suffering be taken away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine." – Matthew 26:39

Then Jesus shouted, "Father, I entrust my spirit into your hands!" And with those words he breathed his last. – Luke 23:46