

Day 10



Read: John 15:7-8

I used to treat God like a Genie in the movie Aladdin. Prayer was how you rubbed the lamp, so you could ask God for whatever you wanted and He'd give it to you. Jesus seems to say the same thing. Look closer, though... We must abide in Jesus and have His words abide in us. When we spend time with Jesus, abide in Him, and read and study His word so that it abides in us, suddenly our desires change and we begin to desire the things that God desires. Then, as our desires change, our prayers are transformed from self-centered prayers to God-glorifying prayers. Jesus does not say "Do not pray and ask for what you want." Instead, Jesus says, "Spend so much time with me in my word that your desires are changed so that what you want and ask for is the exact thing God is going to answer.

It is a process that takes time, but one that will lead to great joy (which is a Fruit of the Spirit given by God!). God is glorified by us bearing the fruits of a life fueled by answered prayers. Don't treat God like a genie who gives whatever you want, but trust God to change what you want, so that you desire Him above all else. Then, He will be glorified as He satisfies that desire for all of eternity.

PRAY

- **Adore:** God is glorified by His people bearing much fruit and relying on Him as their source. Praise Him for being a God who is not glorified by people giving to Him, but by Him giving to His people. Think of specific examples of ways God has given to you and give Him the glory for it.
- **Ask:** Ask God for whatever you desire. Before asking, though, check your heart and intentions and make sure your desires are aligned with God's Word.
- **Act:** Use this time to begin thinking of a plan for how you will continue to abide in Christ for the rest of 2024 after the 21 Days of Prayer ends.