

Sermon: Prayer- Communication with God

Series: Prayer and the Word

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Primary Scripture: Matthew 6:5-13

I. What prayer isn't...

1. It isn't for God's benefit.
2. It doesn't change God's mind.

II. Prayer is communicating with God.

1. Listen to God more than you talk to Him.
2. Prayer is for our benefit.
3. Prayer is a way God changes our minds.
4. Prayer is a means God uses to align our wills with His.

III. We need to pray the way Jesus taught us to pray.

1. Prayer should never be self-centered.
2. God wants us to address Him as Father.
3. Our prayer must focus on God and His character.
4. Prayer communicates our need for God.

IV. Challenges:

1. Continue reading God's Word this week.
2. Pray after your time in God's Word (Listen to what He has to say first, then you respond).
3. Don't recite the Lord's prayer as a habit... INSTEAD... use it as a model.
4. Journal your prayers (It'll help you focus).
5. Pray Scripture back to God (It is SO powerful when you pray God's Word back to Him!).