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GOSPEL THEME:

Jesus doesn't just teach us *how* to pray—He invites us into a relationship with the Father through the gospel. The Lord's Prayer reorients our priorities, reminds us of our dependence, and roots us in grace and trust.

Matthew 6:5-13

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The Spirit, who “corrects our desires,”

The Word of God, which “shapes our thoughts.”

John Calvin



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God is reigning now, but just as a light is absent to those refusing to open their eyes, so it is possible to refuse God’s rule.

Augustine



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“What is the kingdom?” “How does it come?”

The reign of God on earth is only partial now, but the fullness of the future kingdom is unimaginable.

Luther

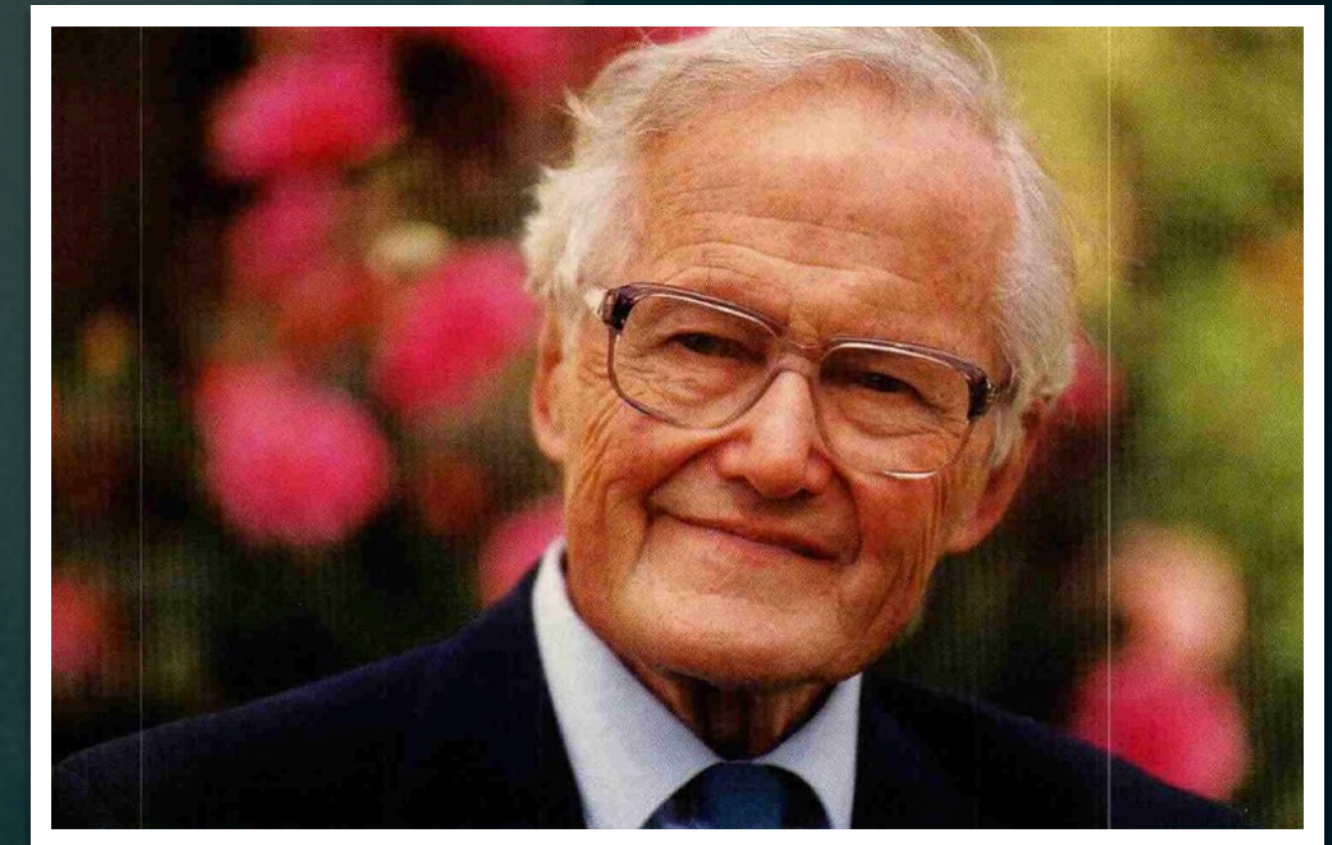
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*The Church is not the Kingdom, but exists to **point to, participate in, and preview** the future reality of the Kingdom breaking into the present.*



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SUMMARY

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Application Question:

“When you pray “Your kingdom come,” what part of your life is God inviting you to surrender from *your own little kingdom* to His greater reign—and how might your prayers change if His priorities became yours?”



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“Your will be done”

Trusting God when it's hard to surrender, Trusting God's will even when it's costly.



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“Your will be done”

This prayer leads us to submit to God’s reign and purposes, shaping us to want what God wants and to live for what lasts.



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“God will either give us what we ask for, or He will give us what we would have asked for if we knew everything He knows.”

John Calvin



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Where we grasped for control, Jesus surrendered in the second garden.

Where we sought to build our own glory, He laid His aside on the cross.



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Application Question:

Where in your life right now is it hardest to pray “Your will be done,” and what would it look like to trust that your Father’s will—though different—may be wiser, better, and more loving than your own?



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*God's work through us, now,
longing for heaven to invade earth*

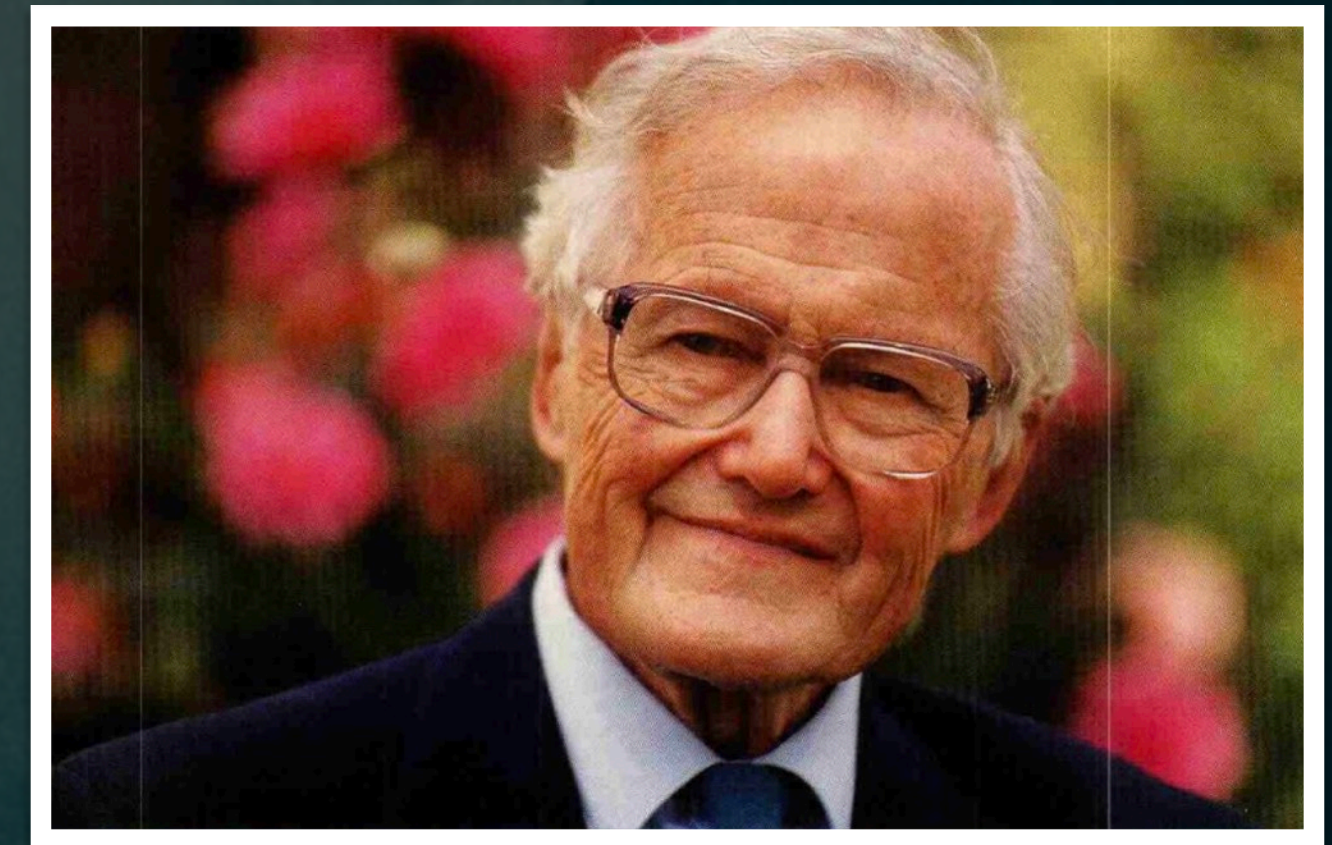


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“The Church is not the Kingdom, but it is *the sign, instrument, and foretaste* of it.”



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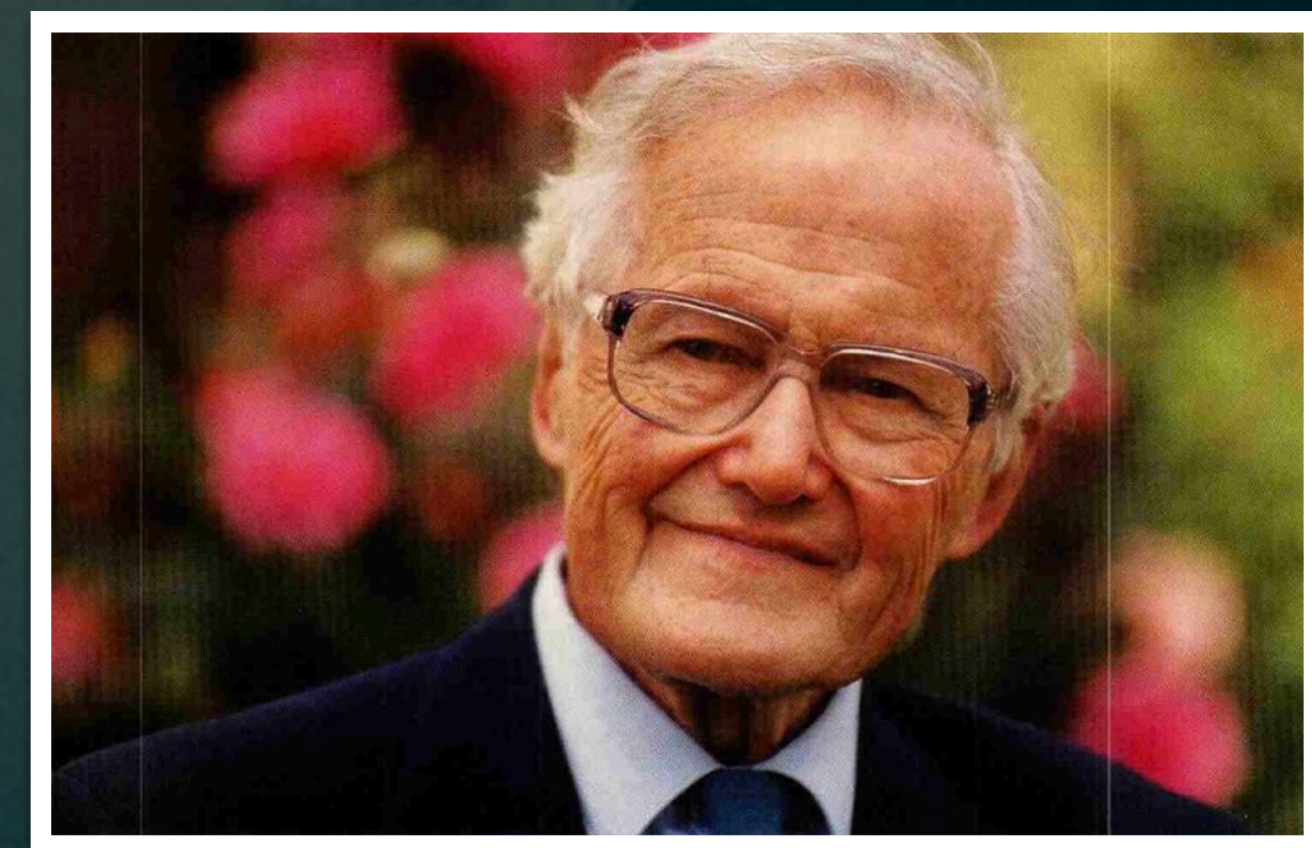
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INSTRUMENT



FORETASTE



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Summary Application

A sign that points beyond itself to Christ’s reign

An instrument through which God’s justice and mercy flow,

A foretaste of heaven’s joy and unity on earth.

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Application Question:

How might God be calling you, personally or as part of this church, to live as a *foretaste* of His Kingdom—showing the watching world what life under Jesus’ rule looks like through your love, forgiveness, and faithfulness?



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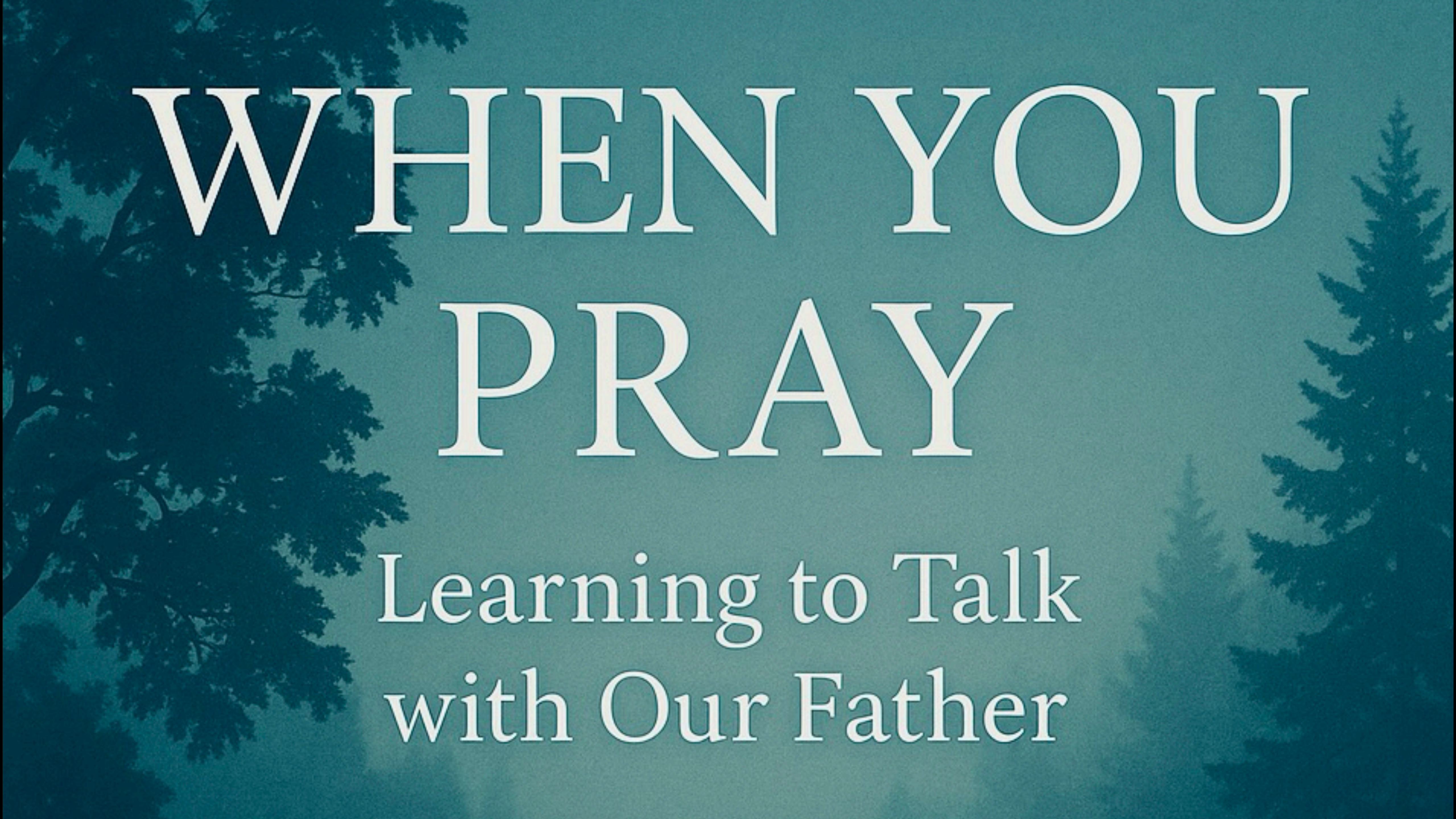
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