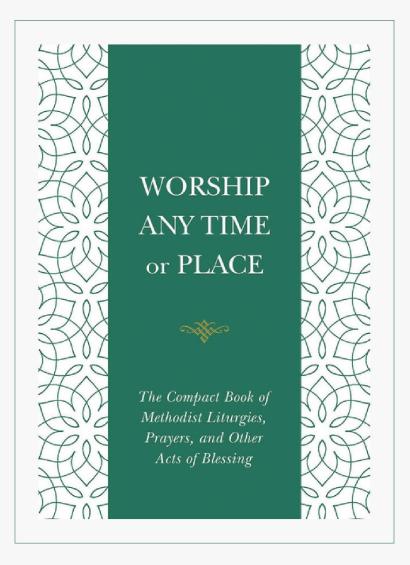
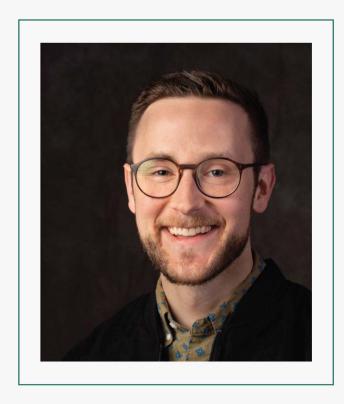
THE NEXT PRAYER CHALLENGE



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WEEK 1: AN ANCIENT FORM OF PRAYER

COLLECT

YOU

1 Address to God

"Almighty God,"

WHO

2 God's attribute(s) or acts on which this prayer is based

"unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid"

DO

The petition(s) offered to God

"Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit"

(SO THAT)

The intended result of the petition(s)

"that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name"

THROUGH

5 Final doxology / conclusion

"through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

WEEK 1: PRACTICE YOUR "COLLECT" STYLE PRAYER

You can write a prayer on any topic. Start simple with something like a meal-time prayer. Remember to follow the simple structure of "you," "who," "do," ("so that"), "through." For the petition(s), be like the psalmists and use strong verbs – God can handle it! If you want a low-stakes practice run, trying crafting a prayer of deliverance from a smelly trash can. :)

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