



A DISCIPLE'S JOURNEY

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Step 4

Prioritize Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13
Hebrews 4:16

When we receive Christ, we have direct access to God through Jesus Christ. We have a direct line available 24/7 by which we might communicate with Him, hear from Him, and submit our will to His. This is the wonderful work of prayer. And as we continue on The Disciple's Journey, a necessary spiritual step is to prioritize prayer.

The idea of making prayer a priority can seem pretty daunting. Often prayer can conjure up misguided images of rote religious ceremonies or long-winded monologues or desperate pleas only to be used in difficult seasons. But the Bible talks about prayer in much warmer terms. The Bible talks about prayer in a way that is intimate and keeps eternity in mind.

Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. – Hebrews 4:16

Prayer is ultimately dependence upon God, an opportunity to speak to God, and an opportunity to hear from God. It's a part of our intimate, loving relationship with God. It is rooted less in the words that we are using and more on our heart's posture and Whom we are talking with. Take inventory of your prayer life. How often do you pray? What is it that you typically pray about or for?

