



FOLLOWING JESUS IS SIMPLE—IT'S JUST NOT EASY!

Sticky Statement: The REAL GOD experiencing the REAL YOU.

Prayer is simply being with Jesus.

Prayer is learning to practice the presence of God moment by moment, day by day in your life—just like Jesus did.

¹⁶“But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.” Luke 5:16

⁴“Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.” John 15:4-5

Abide “meno” = “to remain or to make your home in.”

3 ways we should pray if we're going to Be with Jesus in Prayer: Being with Jesus requires that our...

1. PRAYERS ARE _____ WITH JESUS.

“And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full....⁷ And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. ⁸Do not be like them, ...” Matthew 6:5, 7-8

⁶“But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.” V6

Q: Does Jesus have that kind of access to the real you in prayer?

2. PRAYERS ARE _____ ON JESUS.

The Lord's Prayer teaches us to reflect and remember ...
Who we're praying to? Why we're praying? What we're praying for?

⁹“This, then, is how you should pray:” ‘Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, ¹⁰your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹Give us today our daily bread. ¹²And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. ¹³And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. ¹⁴For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. ¹⁵But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.” Matthew 6:9-15

3. PRAYERS ARE IN _____ WITH JESUS.

“There's no bad way to pray and no single starting point for prayer. The spiritual masters offer one nonnegotiable rule: you have to show up for prayer and show up regularly. Everything else is negotiable and respects your unique circumstances.” - Ronald Rolheiser

¹I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ²Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.” - John 15:1-4

Relational Discipleship Moment:

“pray without ceasing, - 1 Thessalonians 5:17

1. Are Establish a daily prayer rhythm.
morning (Intimacy prayer), midday (Pray for the lost), and evening prayer (Prayer of gratitude)

2. Pray pre-made prayers.
(The Lord's Prayer, The Psalms, Scripture, Singing, Apps, Names of God Prayer Series)

- **QR code for the Names of God Prayer Series.** 21 Days of Prayer focused on seeing the real God who sees the real me.

