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CALVARY CHURCH

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Title: Teach Us To Pray
Topic: prayer

When Kara and I came up here 16 years ago, we had no idea the blessing God

would put on this church. Before we even moved...If u will preach the Word, love

people & depend on My Spirit, I will build My church!

I started driving up here at 5AM every Thurs from S Calgary to pray w/ 1…men.

2025 - we had a number of very big challenges face us all at once, including

losing our place to meet on Sun mornings, and there was just a deep sense of our

need of God, and so I sensed the Lord put on my heart a week of prayer & fasting.

The thing I know is we desperately need God at every step - families, marriages,

prodigals, cancer, healing, uncertain future, next gen, salvation & revival!

You will be different & this church family will be different in your life after this week

- Start Sunday Oct 4 - Sat Oct 10 - ea evening, 6:30pm - more info to come!

1Tim2:1-4 - last week: bc of the battle, some have suffered shipwreck… maybe

you are in 1 - what do we do? Offended & angry? Complain? Wife… friend…

1) “exhort” why? Had they forgotten their need? Lost their first love? Were they

just too focused on careers, trips, sports, camping & $$?

Pastor: “If I announce a banquet, people will come out of the woodwork to attend.

But if I announce a prayer meeting, I’m lucky if the ushers show up!”

“supplications” requests for felt needs

“prayers” broad term for the activity of talking to God

I’d like to challenge all of you to just get started, pray 10 min ea morning, only 10?

How much are you doing now? Can’t I pray in my car? Yes…if we really care

about something, we focus (ie. date?). Jesus did! What do I say? Look around,

your husband! Neighbors. News. Church? Yourself. It’s endless. It will grow!

Disciples saw all Jesus did: teach us to…what would you ask for? What did they

see? Miracles, power…they also saw his intimacy! “pray” (Lk11)!

Mk1:35 “Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went

out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed.”

• Lk6:12 Jesus prayed all night! Why? He chose the 12! Peter? Knows it all!

Prayer comes from a deep sense of need + genuine faith in God for answers.

Gen4:26 “And as for Seth, to him also a son was born; and he named him Enosh.

Then men began to call on the name of the LORD” *Why? Cain? Kids?*

Hope…Elijah had a nature like ours - selfish, fear, depressed bc of doubt!

What is prayer? How do I do it? I've tried, I get distracted.

Mt6:9-15 - "in this manner" = not recite this, lessons on how to pray

5-7) Jesus addresses some pitfalls - He wasn't against group prayer but against

wrong motives, putting on a spiritual show - (special words, or voice)

• Another mistake - "vain repetition", repeating yourself doesn't make it a vain

repetition - the Bible is full of rep; Jesus confronted pagan ideas, senseless

babbling, spiritual sounding words, as if magic phrases unlock the airwaves to

God & twist his arm to do what we ask (reciting the Lord's prayer?)

Prayer is a relationship, not a recipe (D Henderson, 158)

8) "knows your needs" why pray? You have His attn! He sees you…your need!

Fishing, sonar, rocks, fish hiding under it! Makes me want to fish! Only way…

9) pl pn "our" when *yall* pray, say, *our*…He assumed they would pray together!

• Jn17 - Jesus prayed publicly, called His disciples to pray w/ Him

• Acts2:42 Early church steadfastly prayed together! Acts4,12,13

The devil wants you busy, lonely, sleepy & needy, but prayerless

#1 Glory - get to know the glory of God & pray worshipfully (v9)!

"Father" knowing who you pray to changes everything about prayer!

• one of the greatest lessons to impact my prayer life (ie. seek My glory); shifts my

focus from what I lack on the horizontal, to all I have in Him on the vertical!

Ps100:4 “Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise.

Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.”

“giving thanks” is part of worship, but not exactly the same; thanks for things He’s

done; worship is for who He is! *I can worship before He ever answers!*

“hallowed” = to honor Him as holy, different than us: pure, powerful, good!

• Solomon prayed…glory? Jesus prayed…transfiguration? Unique? Yes…

2Cor3:18 - beholding His glory will do what?! I want to hear yall say it…

Ps63:1-2 - David knew the pleasures of sin; rush of power; thrill of victory… “My

soul longs…”, not a girl like Bathsheba? My throne? A bigger kingdom? You!

• Testimony, p37, “Transforming Prayer”

Many let lies & bad experiences cause them to push away. Prayer is about more

than a wish list, discovering His glory! Whats that? You want to find out...made!

#2 Receive His will - “not my will but Yours be done” (v10)!

• Satan loves to talk us out of our Bibles & prayer! *Don’t be legalistic, sleep! He*

already knows your needs, wait till later. God never speaks to me thru the Bible!

Prayer…Bible? *God is the one who chose to make the Bible…Him &* His will.

Prayer is not changing God's will to fit mine; but changing my will to fit His!

Jn15:7 "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you

desire, and it shall be done for you." *pray w/ your Bible open! Jesus: the 2 go*

together - w/o it, I can spend a lot of time asking for wrong stuff (ie. wife, gift)!

• My Bible turns my desires to the things God loves, desires & promises to do!

• He's coming soon…est His Kingdom! He offers us a taste now!

#3 Ask (v11) - don't ever feel bad - He loves for us to trust Him w/ our list!

"supplications" 1Tim2:1 "intercessions" speaks of our needs & others - "give us…"!

Frustration to worship - Isa61, I can't change people - You are anointed, do it!

• 1Tim2:1- our requests for who? "…for all" Kings & people you respect; people

who annoy you & friends; to pray evangelistically for people who don't know

Jesus. Jesus has a huge vision!

If Jesus answered every prayer, would it change THE world or just YOUR world?

Mk16:15 "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." *am I*

praying that big? Family? Our city? The world?

#4 Confess & Forgive (v12)

• Jesus died knowing, we're going to need forgiveness daily; and daily to forgive!

• 14-15) the issue is relationship, not salvation; if we hold hate, anger & bitterness

in our heart, our relationship w/ God is going to be clogged up, feel distant

#5 Every Day Dependence (v13)

"lead" me away from sin, You promise a way of escape…help me see it!

"deliver…evil one" Gk, *rescue*, like a child, daddy, I'm not strong enough to do this

alone; set free me, I reject the enemies lies…I believe what You say, deliver "us"!!

"kingdom" our Dad owns the Kingdom - all the power, all the glory!!!

16) "when you fast"…not to be seen or to prove yourself or just to get things - do it

bc you have a deep need for God, bc your thirst for more of Him is greater than

your thirst for anything else - "ask"… "seek"… "knock"! What an invitation!

Tear down - the wings will be folded up, if you want to help/make room!

What will this look like for you?! Start Sunday Oct 4 - Sat Oct 10

What dial can I turn down, to turn up my attn to God...there's so much noise

• 7 days of seeking God, it's a prayer retreat, that's free! Imagine...

• 6AM ALL of us united in prayer at home! To know Jesus more, a closer ***walk***!

• Noon - at work, ***witness*** - in your car - praying for chances to share, for schools

• 6:30pm - ***worship*** together, to ask ***help*** from God...victory, answers, marriage

healing, child in a battle, revival - Even if you don't fast, pray with us!

• Fasting - kind of like detox from distractions! Like a volume dial - turn down all

the voices, turn up attn to God - It's not a holy strike, till you get what you want -

but taking attn off earthly stuff & giving God more attn - It deepens relationship!

Fasting = saying no to food, yes to God - "Lord I want you more" than a snack

• Not a diet, if you have an eating disorder, med problems; Should kids fast? I'm

not sure it's medically good for a young body; Should kids see their parents fast?

Yes. Could kids give up something else! Pray? This is the power of God!

Sugar, Coffee, Water fast, Media/TV fast, only supper, make a plan, ea day

If I'm not fasting, can I still come? Yes, let's all seek the Lord this week!

Big Idea: how to pray

Glory

Receive His Will

Ask

Confess & Forgive

Every Day Dependence