

“MORE PRAYER”

Text 2 weeks ago: “More Presence”

Exodus 33:15 Then Moses said to him, “If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here.

-TODAY COULD REALLY BE “MORE PRESENCE” PART 2

John 15:4-5 Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. ⁵“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

4 HOUR CPR CLASS LAST WEEK

1 -People stay away because they don't know what they are doing!

-Only thing I really remember from 5 years ago “STAYIN ALIVE”

2 -ANYTHING is better than NOTHING!

I HOPE TO HELP YOU WITH THOSE SAME 2 THINGS TODAY!

1) What is prayer? LET'S SEE WHAT JESUS TAUGHT!

Matthew 6:5-13 Prayer (WITH SOME OF MY NOTES ADDED)

⁵“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. **(NOT to show how spiritual we are)**

⁶But 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. **(PRAYER CLOSET....WAR ROOM.....)**

⁷And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. **(NOT ABOUT THE WORDS)**

⁸Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

(NOT JUST A ONE SIDED CONVO ABOUT ALL YOUR NEEDS)

⁹“This, then, is how you should pray: **(TEACH US THE CORRECT WAY)**

“Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name, **(DAILY WORSHIP)**

¹⁰your kingdom come,
your will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven. **(DAILY SURRENDER)**

¹¹Give us today our daily bread. **(DAILY PROVISION)**

¹²And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors. **(DAILY FORGIVENESS)**

¹³And lead us not into temptation, **(DAILY DIRECTION)**
but deliver us from the evil one.’ **(DAILY PROTECTION)**

GOAL.....REGULAR COMMUNICATION!

-Keeps you on the Same Page

TRUTH: PRAYER KEEPS ME IN REGULAR COMMUNICATION WITH GOD!

We can get it all wrong:

We just want to HEAR God’s voice.....HE just wants us CLOSE!

ANOTHER TRUTH: PRAYER IS A CONSTANT REMINDER THAT HE CARES ABOUT OUR DAILY NEEDS!

AND.....WE ARE NEVER ALONE!

Verse 8: The Father knows what you need before you even ask!!!!

-That takes an AWARENESS!!

MOST OF HISTORY WAS CONSUMED WITH “DAILY” NEEDS!!!

-Food, Shelter, and Clothing for each DAY!

Jesus taught we are NEVER alone in that stress!!!

Matthew 6:25-34 Do Not Worry (WITH SOME OF MY NOTES ADDED)

²⁵ “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? (NOTICE HE FEEDS THEM! Meets their daily needs!)

“His Eye is on the sparrow”

²⁷ Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?

²⁸ “And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. ²⁹ Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. ³⁰ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹ So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³² For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. (Look at life through my lense.....stick with me.....I GOT YOU!!) ³⁴ Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own. (DAILY.....TROUBLE!.....Deliver us)

SO WHAT IS PRAYER???

Prayer doesn't take away all of our problems.....It invites the God of The Universe INTO the equation!!!

Daily Team meeting with our creator!!!

-He KNOWS what I need!

-Daily reminder of who HE is

-Daily reminder to work together

-Daily reminder of where your provision comes from

-Daily reminder that I need forgiveness and need to be forgiving

-Daily reminder to let him lead me

-Daily reminder that I need him to deliver me

THAT IS THE WHAT!

THE WHY BEHIND THE WHAT!!!

-Remember....CONNECTION & RELATIONSHIP

TRUTH: Prayer keeps me connected with God
Prayer reminds me God cares and "He's got this"

TRUTH: Prayer demonstrates my NEED on God!!

John 15:5-8 ⁵"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. ⁷If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

WE ARE DESIGNED LIKE A CELL PHONE!!!! RECHARGE EVERY DAY!!

When you are CLOSE to someone.....you know what to ask!!!

-Parents....you Knew what the answer was gonna be BEFORE you asked.

-Don't ask for things that are against their morals and values!

**God wants to bless us and make us bear a lot of fruit.....it brings him glory!!

"Seek me first and my agenda, and I will take care of the rest!"

THE WHAT? Regular Communication

THE WHY? To STAY Connected & Close

THE HOW?

LET'S GET PRACTICAL!

There is no one size fits all formula!

QUESTION-How do you connect with important people in your life?

- Talk every day! Even when I am away!
- Call every time something good happens.....or bad!
- Keep up with thoughts on social media?
- Schedule regular times for a heart to heart?
 - Talk through a list?
- Do things in common together!
 - Enjoy nature or a sunset or sunrise?
 - Take a walk together?
 - Listen to music/TV shows/podcasts together?

THAT IS HOW WE CAN CONNECT WITH GOD!

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-Let's be real.....sometimes it is just nice to be asked!!

GOD IS MORE INTERESTED IN DEVELOPING YOU THAT DELIVERING YOU!

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| THE WHAT? | Regular Communication |
| THE WHY? | To STAY Connected & Close |
| THE HOW? | However you are wired! Just be you! |

CPR CLASS PRO TIPS:

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