



# Teach us to Pray

*An Engaging Prayer Series*

# Part 4

Know Reconciliation Matters

*Jesus teaches us to look at both relationships (vertical & horizontal) when we come in prayer.*

# Matthew 6:9-13

<sup>9</sup>Pray then like this: "Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name. <sup>10</sup>Your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

<sup>11</sup>***Give us this day our daily bread,*** <sup>12</sup>and forgive us  
our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

<sup>13</sup>And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us  
from evil.

# *Vertical Reconciliation*

# Matthew 6:9-12, 14-15

<sup>9</sup> Pray then like this: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. <sup>10</sup> Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. <sup>11</sup> Give us this day our daily bread, <sup>12</sup> *and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.*

<sup>14</sup> *For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, <sup>15</sup> but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.*

# Luke 18:9-14

<sup>9</sup> He also *told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous*, and treated others with contempt: <sup>10</sup> “Two men *went up into the temple to pray*, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup> The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, *I thank you that I am not like other men*, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup> I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’

# Luke 18:9-14

<sup>13</sup> But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, '**God, be merciful to me, a sinner!**' <sup>14</sup> I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For **everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.**"



*"In confession there occurs a breakthrough to the cross. The root of all my sin is pride."*

*- Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

*“Confession in the presence of another believer is the most profound kind of humiliation. It hurts, makes one feel small; it deals a terrible blow to one’s pride.”*

*- Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

# *Horizontal Reconciliation*

# 1 Peter 3:7-12

<sup>7</sup> Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, ***so that your prayers may not be hindered.***

<sup>8</sup> Finally, ***all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind.*** <sup>9</sup> Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, ***bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing.***

# 1 Peter 3:7-12

<sup>10</sup> For “Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit; <sup>11</sup> let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it. <sup>12</sup> *For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.*”

*What does it mean that his ears are open?*

# *Kingdom Perspective*

# Matthew 18:21-35

*<sup>21</sup> Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" <sup>22</sup> Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.*

*<sup>23</sup> "Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. <sup>24</sup> When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents.*



# Matthew 18:21-35

<sup>25</sup> And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup> So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' <sup>27</sup> And out of pity for him, the master of that servant **released him and forgave him the debt.** <sup>28</sup> But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him,

# Matthew 18:21-35

he *began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.'* <sup>29</sup> So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' <sup>30</sup> ***He refused*** and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. <sup>31</sup> When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup> Then his master summoned him and said to him,

# Matthew 18:21-35

'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup> And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' <sup>34</sup> And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. <sup>35</sup> ***So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.***"

*"We must develop and maintain the capacity to forgive. He who is devoid of the power to forgive is devoid of the power to love. There is some good in the worst of us and some evil in the best of us. When we discover this, we are less prone to hate our enemies."*

*- Martin Luther King, Jr*

*Forgiveness does not change the past,  
but it does enlarge the future.*

*- Paul Boese*

