

Outline for Sunday:

Today my scripture reference is

Scripture: 1 John 5:14

My focus today is

Confidence in prayer.

Tell my story:

a. The Child Jesus statue

my "holy communion" little prayers under statue

b. Stealing the hosts because I wanted Jesus inside of me
what I had heard

all my life up until that time from grandma "You are what you eat".

My starting place in prayer and understanding. Unknowingly my mother was teaching me trust in God, confidence in His power and ability to produce results.

Prayer put very simply is a conversation between you and your maker. It transcends culture, religion, ethnicity, gender, age. Something we as Christians would do well to understand, especially in this day and age. Prayer is born out of the relationship. The relationship creates passion as well as passion creating the relationship. Passion moves us to do things out of the ordinary, out of our comfort zone, and out of our understanding. If we truly are coming into the "end of the age", it behooves us to come up higher when we engage with our maker, so we can better see the world as He does. (After all: we are seated in heavenly places IN Christ Jesus") This would help us to better understand the passion of others as it relates to prayer. For example, in the culture of Islam, Hinduism, Satanism, or any other "religion" foreign to our own. The war that is being waged, is a war for souls. It started in the garden and it hasn't stopped and will not stop until Satan is dispossessed of his throne. It is no wonder we as Christians have a hard time discerning God's will when there are currently over 2,877 versions of the Bible in 1,918 languages available world wide. That's an awful lot of opinions about what God said. The one thing I do know is this: If the Holy Spirit is truly in each and every one of us as born-again believers; Jesus tells me the Holy Spirit will guide me through all truth, and He will even expand that truth and bring forth the revelation in it. The confidence and conviction of truth in our lives carries us through circumstances and challenges. To be able to stand in the end as John says:

Revelation 12:11"

And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death."

I like to think of prayer as an exercise. Most of us don't like exercise, and most of the church in general, doesn't commit to pray. The days of "Father knows best" are long gone in our Western American culture. That was not meant to be secure in God. In Hebrew, the word translated in the most radical sense is "to be secure in God. In Hebrew the word translated in the most radical sense is "to be open," absolutely nothing hidden. No open", absolutely nothing hidden. No a

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Heb 10:24 Heb 10:24 Let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works. Let each care for others and exhort others to love and to do good works both by word and example.)

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4 My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, 55 so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power. After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen. (So be it) But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest.