

Let's Be Real Week 4

God and Prayers

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John 14:13-14

Let's be real, unanswered prayers lead to questions like:

- "Is it an issue with God or with me?"
- "Am I praying the right way?"
- "Do I even understand what prayer is?"
- "Does God care?"

The purpose of prayer is to get to _____ God so that we can do His _____ !

Four things that are connected to answered prayer.

#1 Condition— A _____ relationship. Mark 11:25, Matthew 5:22-23, 1 Peter 3:7

#2 Motive— having the _____ motive. Matthew 23:5, Matthew 23:27-28, James 4:2-3

#3 A lack of _____. Mark 9:22-24, Matthew 17:20, Matthew 9:27-30

#4 _____ Prayer I John 5:14-15, 2 Corinthians 12:8-9

Go Deeper:

1. Has unanswered prayers lead to questions like the ones above?
2. Do you agree with this statement, "The purpose of prayer is to get to know God so that we can do His will."
3. Does our relationship with others affect how God answers our prayers?
4. Do you feel that motives play a role in how God answers our prayers?
5. Have you ever prayed a prayer that you really did not believe God would answer?
6. Was the Great Theologian Garth Brooks correct when he said, "Some of God's greatest gifts was unanswered prayers"?
7. Read the scriptures above. What stands out to you in relation to God answering prayers?

To go even deeper with this week's sermon, join a Hills Group to discuss these questions with other people in our community. To join a Hills Group, visit hillschurchnm.com/connect.

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