

Teach us to pray

Luke 11:1

1 Now it came to pass, as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, that one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples." NKJV

- They didn't ask Him to teach them how to evangelize or heal the sick but they asked Him to teach them to pray
- The disciples must have seen something different in the way He prayed

Pray in everything

No Slide: 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18

17 pray without ceasing, 18 in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. NKJV

Pray Always

No Slide: Luke 21:36

36 Watch therefore, and pray always. NKJV

- Pray always – Make request and REST
- Prayer without rest is not prayer at all

Pray Everywhere

No Slide: 1 Timothy 2:8

8 I desire therefore that the men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting; NKJV

Luke 11:2-4

2 So He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Our Father in heaven,

Hallowed be Your name.

Your kingdom come.

Your will be done

On earth as it is in heaven.

3 Give us day by day our daily bread.

4 And forgive us our sins,

For we also forgive everyone who is indebted to us.

And do not lead us into temptation,

But deliver us from the evil one." NKJV

Our Father in Heaven

- To have effective prayer you must know God is your father
- The One who loves, forgives, delivers and provides
- The Pharisees did not know God as father
- When Jesus said God was His father it aroused them
- He prayed and spoke as one with authority

Statistics prove that fatherless boys and girls are: twice as likely to drop out of high school; twice as likely to end up in jail; four times more likely to need help for emotional or behavioral problems

No wonder church pews are full every Sunday with believers who feel **Homeless**, feel like **Dropping Out**, Live their lives shut up inside a **Spiritual Prison** or just feel like **Running** away. Not allowing anyone close.

When we realize who's we are and connect with Him through prayer our whole life opens up to Kingdom Possibilities.

We have a new purpose, we start to have relationships that not only work but help us to achieve greater things.

Ephesians 1:3-9

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with **every spiritual blessing** in the heavenly places in Christ, 4 just as **He chose us in Him** before the foundation of the world, that we should be **holy and without blame** before Him in love, 5 having predestined us to **adoption** as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the **good pleasure of His will**, 6 to the praise of the glory of **His grace**, by which He made us **accepted in the Beloved**. NKJV

Matthew 3:16-17

16 When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. 17 And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." NKJV

- God is pleased with you!
- Salvation is not a routine it's a relationship
- Where you're going or what you're doing are not as important as who you are and who you're becoming
- You are Gods work of art – **Ephesians 2:10**

Romans 8:15-17

15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." 16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs — heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together. NKJV

Luke 15:11-13

11 Then He said: "A certain man had two sons. 12 And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to me.' So he divided to them his livelihood. 13 And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living. NKJV

- An orphan spirit thinks they're on their own
- They have not learned to trust (value) relationship

Luke 15:14-19

14 But when he had **spent all**, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be **in want**. 15 Then he went and **joined himself to a citizen of that country**, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. 16 And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and **no one gave him anything**. 17 "But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! 18 **I will arise and go to my father**, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, 19 and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. **Make me like one of your hired servants.**" NKJV

- We must come to the end of ourselves
- This is where we enter relationship
- This is where we realize that we can not trust things
- We learn to trust God – Seek first

Luke 15:20-21

20 "And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. 21 And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.' NKJV

- The Father saw him and ran to him
- God is reaching out to you today
- You are worthy
- You are His (son/daughter)

The Prodigal – **Sons and daughters – B.Boyd (I just want to come home)**

Luke 15:22-24

22 "But the father said to his servants, 'Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet.' 23 And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry; 24 for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' And they began to be merry. NKJV

Luke 15:25-30

25 "Now his older son was in the field. And as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. 26 So he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. 27 And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and because he has received him safe and sound, your father has killed the fatted calf.'

28 "But he was angry and would not go in. Therefore his father came out and pleaded with him. 29 So he answered and said to his father, 'Lo, these many years I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might make merry with my friends. 30 But as soon as this son of yours came, who has devoured your livelihood with harlots, you killed the fatted calf for him.' NKJV

- Religion lives under law
- Envious of others – wonder why I never get blessed
- Surely I've earned my inheritance – Slave not Son
- An inheritance is not something you earn

Luke 15:31

31 "And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours. NKJV

Hallowed be Your name

Yahweh TSIDKENU: Our Righteousness (Jeremiah 23:6)

Yahweh M'KADDESH: Who Sanctifies (Exodus 31:13)

Yahweh SHALOM: Our Peace (Judges 6:24)

Yahweh SHAMMAH: The God Who Is Present
(Ezekiel 35:10)

Yahweh ROPHE: The God Who Heals (Exodus 15:22-26)

Yahweh YIREH: The God Who Provides (Genesis 22:14)

Yahweh NISSI: God is my Refuge & Victory
(Exodus 17:15)

Yahweh ROHI: God is my shepherd (Psalm 23)

Yahweh ROI: The God who “sees” (Genesis 16:13)

God’s fullness has now been revealed through Christ Jesus
as Emmanuel – God with us – He is ever present!

2 Corinthians 1:20

20 For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him
Amen, to the glory of God through us. NKJV

Next – On Earth as it is in Heaven