

Sermon Notes

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Our Father (Week 3) Final Thoughts on Prayer...For Now

The first step in developing a prayer life is _____ in
God for your _____.

Our ability to pray to our Father is based on His _____,
not our _____.

God knows what is _____ for us and will not give us
something that will cause _____ in the long run.

Scripture used: Luke 18:9-13; Psalm 66:18; 145:18, 5:3, 143:1, 141:2,
Psalm 50:15; Daniel 9:8; James 4:3; 1 Thess. 5:16-18; Ephesians 6:18;
Romans 8:26; Philippians 4:6; Colossians 4:2; 1 Timothy 2:1-2, 8;
Jeremiah 33:3; Acts 1:14; 1 Peter 4:7; Matthew 26:41

With Pastor Joel's series on prayer, there is a pamphlet you might be interested in, "What the Bible Says About Prayer", in the literature rack by the church mailboxes plus two pamphlets of some ideas of who you can pray for, "Targeted Prayers For Your Church" and "Prayers For First Responders". Help yourself.

Small Group Questions

1. Joel shared that prayer must become a habit. We all know what they say – do something for 30 days and it will become a habit. If Joel has challenged you with a 30 day prayer challenge and you have not yet engaged -what is holding you back?
2. What are practical reminders you use as encouragement when you are feeling unworthy for God's gifts?
3. If we are being honest is our faithfulness to God contingent upon His answering our prayers the way we want?
4. In all aspects of our culture, you earn the right to be heard, to be recognized, to get a promotion or advance in your career. But with God and his willingness to hear us, that is not the case. It is because of God's love for us that he listens to us through our prayers. How do you process this?
5. Satan is a master at hitting the "replay" button on the things in our lives that cause us to feel we are not worthy to stand in the presence of God. All the areas in our life that we have failed at, Satan continually reminds us – especially if it is a sin toward God. But we have been set free and walk in victory through the blood of Christ. How do we overcome those feelings of being unworthy?

Helpful Reminder: This Sunday is Mother's Day! Don't forget to celebrate the Mothers in your life! Have an awesome week.