



Sunday, August 2, 2020

Sermon Series: Conversations with God

Title: *Is Prayer My Preference
or My Priority*

Text: Daniel 9:1-23

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BIG IDEA: Daniel chapter 9 models the importance of making prayer a convicting **priority** rather than an occasional **preference**.

We know prayer has become a “priority conviction” when it is connected to:

- 1) ... **God’s Word**. (vs. 1-2)
- 2) ... **intensity**. (vs. 3)
- 3) ... **others**. (vs. 8-13)
- 4) ... **repentance**. (vs. 4-14)
- 5) ... **hope in God**. (vs. 17-23)

5 Ways to pray a “Priority Prayer of Conviction”

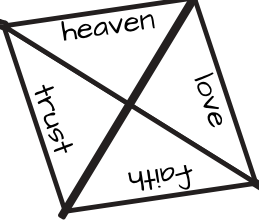
- 1) Pray for a hunger to use **God’s Word** as a source of perspective in my prayer time.
- 2) Pray for a broken heart, for the unsaved, and for our world.
- 3) Pray for love and patience with **other believers**; there can be no revival without it.
- 4) Willingly **confess sins** of myself, this church, this nation and make a personal commitment to stop participating in sin.
- 5) Pray for God to be glorified even at the expense of my own **personal comfort**.

Personal Application – Study Questions:

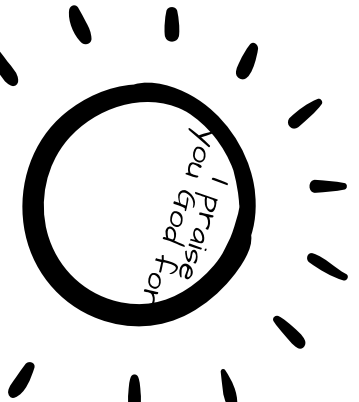
- Find a passage of scripture (about 3-10 verses), and write out a prayer that expresses your heart to God, taken from the words and insights of that passage.
- Read Roman 8:26 and ask yourself what situations have caused you to “groan in prayer” recently, and ask God to hear your heart even when you may not know which words to express.
- Read Daniel 9:8-13 and spend some quiet time confessing personal sins, as well as agreeing with God about sinful situations in our world that do not glorify God.
- Do a mental evaluation about “how much grass of neglect” has grown over your personal quiet time path lately.

SERMON NOTES FROM HOME

How many times did you hear these words:



One of today's worship songs:



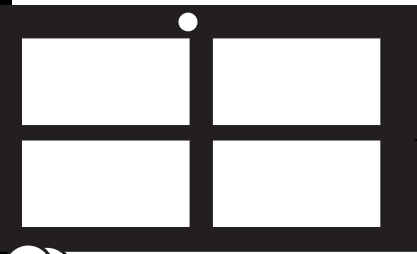
What room are you in?
What are you sitting on?
What do you like about worship at home?

Who is worshipping with you?

Draw you:

Pj's or dress clothes or comfy clothes??
Are you snuggling with a blanket or a pet?

What does God want you to do?



Decorate your door:
Something you want to ask God:

3 things you learned from today's message that will grow you closer to God!

Who do you miss?
name

Today's Bible passage:
book: chapter : verse

People you are praying for: 1

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