



Sunday, August 23, 2020

Sermon Series: Conversations with God

Title: *The Principles of Prayer*

Text: John 15:7-11 / Mark 11:24-25 /
James 1:5-7

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Big Idea: The fact that God is both **sovereign** and **personal** is what gives me confidence to expect results from prayer.

1) The Prayer Principle of **Abiding** (John 15:7)

The effectiveness of my prayer life is directly connected to how much value I place on obeying **His Word**.

2) The Prayer Principle of **Forgiveness** (Mark 11:24-25)

How I treat **those closest** to me, directly influences my prayer life.

3) The Prayer Principle of **Asking** (James 1:5-7)

Could it be that we see so little spiritual growth in our lives or positive influence of God's kingdom in the world, because we pray **so little** for it?

4) The Prayer Principle of **Prioritizing God's glory** (John 15:8-11)

Does **God's presence** peek through in my daily life?

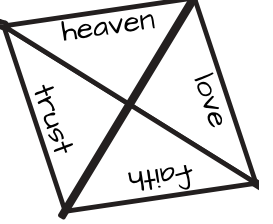
Sermons will not transform us into a praying church; only **praying** will transform us into a praying church.

Personal Application – Study Questions:

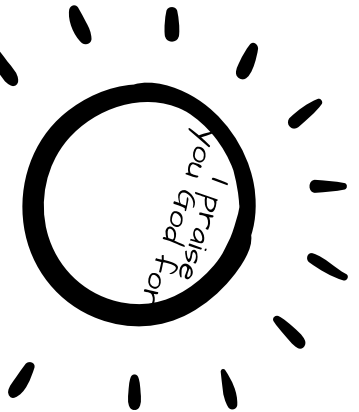
- 1) If my Bible reading and the health of my prayer life are connected, what are some ways I can enjoy the partnership of those two disciplines?
- 2) Bitterness and healthy prayers cannot exist together. Are there some ways I can make the topic of forgiveness a regular part of my prayer life?
- 3) Since it is true that “I need to pray the most when I feel least like doing it...,” what practical plans can I make to address that reality?
- 4) Read John 15:1-13 and list some practical examples of godly fruitfulness that can stick out of my life during daily life this coming week.

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:

Pjs or dress clothes or comfy clothes??
Are you snuggling with a blanket or a pet?

Decorate your door:

What does God want you to do?

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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