

Maturing in Christ: Praying as Jesus Prayed, Part 4
Believing the Promises of Jesus Concerning Prayer
Luke 11:1-13
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I. It is in prayer that I encounter:

1. His presence
2. His perspective
3. His power
4. His peace

Matthew 7:7 – “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.”

John 15:7-8 – “If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.”

John 14:12 Jesus said, "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also; and greater works than these he will do; because I go to the Father.”

G. Granger Fleming – “There is such a thing as coming into such a sweet relation to the will of God that we are fused into oneness with it. His will becomes ours, and He gladly sets us free to carry out our own desires - they being His first and then ours.”

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II. Jesus told us to focus on:

1. God and His glory 1-2
2. Our dependency and faith 3-4
 - i. Being bold and continually asking
 - ii. Praying Kingdom prayers
 - iii. Pursuing forgiveness and Christlikeness together

Faith Sheet

Transformation Verse (August) – “Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ...” 2 Peter 3:18

Main Themes

- ~ Prayer is communion with God and is essential for daily worship of God and ministry to others.
- ~ Effectively living out our identity in Christ requires spiritual disciplines such as ongoing prayer and solitude, living in His word, godly friendships and being involved in disciple making.
- ~ Believing and applying God’s promises of prayer brings God’s presence, power, perspective and peace into every life situation.

#1- Reviewing This Past Sunday Maturing in Christ: Praying as Jesus Prayed, Part 4 Luke 11:1-13

1. Read Luke 11:1-13. What are some key truths in this text?
2. Discuss Sunday’s message with someone and use the text to pray.
3. Who could benefit from you praying with him or her on a regular basis?
Reach out and ask the person to start praying with you once a week, once a day, or however God leads.
4. Consider using prayer cards for one month and see how God works.

2- Preparing for Next Sunday Maturing in Christ: Walking with Godly Friends Proverbs 2:1-22

1. Read Proverbs 2:1-22, 11:13, 12:25-26, 17:17, 18:24, 19:4, and 22:11, 24-25. What truths do you see in these passages concerning godly and ungodly friendships that you could live out and share with others?
2. How would you rate yourself as a friend?
3. Finish with John 15:13 and thank Christ that He is your Savior, Lord, and greatest friend (if you truly know and love Him).