

## Camarillo Community Church

### "Talking to the Father"

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What does Jesus' prayer life broadcast to me?  
(Luke 3:21, 4:42, 5:16, 6:12,28, 9:16,28, 11:1)

What does prayer reveal about me?

- My perception of my Real Dad = Worship (v.2a)  
Ephesians 1:5 Romans 8:15
- My motives and mission in life = Yieldedness (v.2b)  
Romans 8:26 2Peter 3:9
- The source of my provision and power = Requests (v.3)  
Romans 8:32 Matthew 6:33
- My authenticity and freedom from resentment = Forgiveness (v.4a)  
1 John 1:8,9 Hebrews 12:15
- My battle awareness and preparation for it = Protection (v.4b)  
Matthew 26:40b-41 Romans 15:30
- My ability to listen and overcome = Resiliency (v.5-10)  
1 Samuel 30:8 Luke 18:1
- My confidence in my Real Dad's favor = Intimacy (v.11-13)  
James 1:17 Romans 5:2
- My willingness to release His favor into my world = Generosity  
Matthew 5:16 Matthew 9:36-38

What will I do?

What if I pray for and invite 2-3 people to Easter Services?

What if I pray that God will pour His Favor-Grace on CCC, it's leaders and people for 40 days?

Will I pray 5 minutes a day this week for our Easter Services? When will I?  
Mon Tues Wed Thurs Fri Sat

# Life Group Homework

## Getting Started

1. Do you have a favorite place and time to pray? Where and when is it and why?
2. What insight, principle or observation from this Sunday's message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening or troubling? Explain.

## Digging Deeper

Prayer can be looked at as simply talking to God. Indeed, we have this access to God, because of the work of Jesus on the cross. We have the ear of the God of the universe, a direct line to heaven, which is pretty incredible when you think about it. Praying is like talking to your best friend! It's easy to talk to someone when you know they love you unconditionally!

Yet prayer is deeply spiritual. It is powerful and not to be taken lightly. It is a privilege granted by God that cost Him dearly. He is not just willing to hear from us but loves to hear from us. Prayer is the process that reminds us of whom God is and who we are. It acknowledges our dependence on Him and the recognition that if God had not engaged himself in our life we would still be lost. The purpose of prayer is not to change God but to change us.

Prayer is powerful not just because it changes us but because it also affects this world. Our prayers move God to act, to change the world. How this works is a mystery; a mystery we do not need to understand. But this much is clear: Actions in heaven begin when someone prays on earth. We don't tell God what to do and when to do it... **but....** We can entrust our requests to Him, and He will honor our prayers with holy judgment.

Read Ephesians 3:11-12 and Hebrews 4:14-16.

3. We have a boldness and confidence in our access to God because of whom? What do we receive as we approach the throne of God?

Read Matthew 6:5-15.

4. What are some principles concerning prayer that you noticed from this passage?
5. Jesus showed us how to pray in verses 9-13. The components of his prayer include (write out the phrase that makes up each component):

Praise  
Request  
Confession  
Protection

How does uses each component of Jesus' prayer strengthen our prayer life?

6. Praying for His "kingdom to come and will be done" invites Jesus into all areas of our life. How can our lives be changed when we give God authority in every corner of it?

Read Psalm 5:1-3

7. David pleads with God for an audience. He is desperate and needs God's help. When does he offer his prayers? There is a sense of sacrifice and expectation with David's prayers. Do you have the same attitude in your prayers?

### **Application**

8. What is our biggest obstacle to praying? Why? How do we overcome these obstacles to making prayer a priority?
9. Prayer is listening as well as talking. How do we detect God's unseen hand on our shoulder and His inaudible voice in our ear? Do you have time in the day to give God your waiting thoughts; in other words to wait on God to speak? Think about starting a daily rhythm for your life that includes talking and listening to God.

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