



Devotion Info

Prayer: It's Not Just For Dinner

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[14] "If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. [15] But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins.

Matthew 6:7-15 NLT

- Can you contrast praying something from rote memory to praying instinctively from a place of emotion, need, or circumstance?
- From both views of prayer, how would you foster a deeper relationship with God.

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- When you think of the phrase, “Hallowed be your name,” how does that shape your approach to prayer? Or does it?

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DAY 3 Read Matthew 6:10

[10] May your Kingdom come soon. May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

Matthew 6:10 NLT

- What comes to your mind when you think about God’s Kingdom coming?
- Can you connect that thought to God’s will being done in the scope of eternity and your daily life personally?

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- We like to think God has a specific will for our lives, but how does Jesus' example of prayer address the priority for our will and his own?

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DAY 5 Read Matthew 6:13, James 1:13-14, and 1 Corinthians 10:13

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Matthew 6:13 NLT

[13] And remember, when you are being tempted, do not say, "God is tempting me." God is never tempted to do wrong, and he never tempts anyone else. [14] Temptation comes from our own desires, which entice us and drag us away.

James 1:13-14 NLT

[13] The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you can endure.

1 Corinthians 10:13 NLT

- How often do we acknowledge our own weakness in prayer while seeing the confidence we have in Christ?
- If you are honest, how often do you undervalue prayer because you believe you are competent and capable enough to make your own choices?

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