

Oasis Sunday School Class

HABITS OF GRACE 3/8/26 PRAYER

FRANCIS CHAN QUOTE: "MY BIGGEST CONCERN FOR THIS GENERATION IS YOUR INABILITY TO FOCUS, ESPECIALLY IN PRAYER."

2 TYPES OF PRAYER:

1. _____ PRAYER

MATT. 6:5-6 WHEN YOU PRAY, YOU MUST NOT BE LIKE THE HYPOCRITES, FOR THEY LOVE TO STAND AND PRAY IN THE SYNAGOGUES AND AT STREET CORNERS THAT THEY MAY BE SEEN BY OTHERS. TRULY, I SAY TO YOU, THEY HAVE RECEIVED THEIR REWARD. BUT WHEN YOU PRAY, GO INTO YOUR ROOM AND SHUT THE DOOR AND PRAY TO YOUR FATHER WHO IS IN SECRET. AND YOUR FATHER WHO SEES IN SECRET WILL REWARD YOU.

TIM KELLER QUOTE: "THE INFALLIBLE TEST OF SPIRITUAL INTEGRITY, JESUS SAID, IS YOUR PRIVATE PRAYER LIFE. MANY PEOPLE WILL PRAY WHEN THEY ARE REQUIRED BY CULTURAL OR SOCIAL EXPECTATIONS, OR PERHAPS BY ANXIETY CAUSED BY TROUBLING CIRCUMSTANCES. THOSE WITH A GENUINELY LIVED RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD AS FATHER, HOWEVER, WILL INWARDLY WANT TO PRAY AND THEREFORE WILL PRAY EVEN THOUGH NOTHING ON THE OUTSIDE IS PRESSING THEM TO DO SO. THEY PURSUE IT EVEN DURING TIMES OF SPIRITUAL DRYNESS, WHEN THERE IS NO SOCIAL OR EXPERIENTIAL PAYOFF."

OUR CLOSET PRAYER LIFE:

- REVEALS WHAT IT IS WE REALLY _____
- IT IS A REMEDY FOR OUR _____

PRAYER IS:

- _____ TO LIVING A GENUINE RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD
- NOT GETTING THINGS **FROM** GOD IT IS GETTING _____ HIMSELF
- WHERE WE _____ HAVING GOD'S EAR

JOHN 15:15 NO LONGER DO I CALL YOU SLAVES, FOR THE SLAVE DOES NOT KNOW WHAT HIS MASTER IS DOING; BUT I HAVE CALLED YOU FRIENDS, FOR ALL THINGS THAT I HAVE HEARD FROM MY FATHER I HAVE MADE KNOWN TO YOU.

- WHERE WE LEARN THAT WE ARE NOT JUST SLAVES, BUT ALSO WE ARE _____

ROMANS 9:15-16 FOR YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED A SPIRIT OF SLAVERY LEADING TO FEAR AGAIN, BUT YOU HAVE RECEIVED A SPIRIT OF ADOPTION AS SONS BY WHICH WE CRY OUT, "ABBA! FATHER!" THE SPIRIT HIMSELF TESTIFIES WITH OUR SPIRIT THAT WE ARE CHILDREN OF GOD.

GAL. 4:6-7 BECAUSE YOU ARE SONS, GOD HAS SENT FORTH THE SPIRIT OF HIS SON INTO OUR HEARTS, CRYING, "ABBA! FATHER!" THEREFORE YOU ARE NO LONGER A SLAVE, BUT A SON; AND IF A SON, THEN AN HEIR THROUGH GOD.

- NOT JUST HEARING HIS WORD BUT CHILDREN WHO HAVE HIS _____

TRUTH-GOD WANTS TO HEAR FROM US!

MATT. 14:23 AFTER HE HAD SENT THE CROWDS AWAY, HE WENT UP ON THE MOUNTAIN BY HIMSELF TO PRAY; AND WHEN IT WAS EVENING, HE WAS THERE ALONE.

LUKE 5:16 BUT JESUS HIMSELF WOULD OFTEN SLIP AWAY TO THE WILDERNESS AND PRAY.

MARK 1:35 IN THE EARLY MORNING, WHILE IT WAS STILL DARK, JESUS GOT UP, LEFT THE HOUSE, AND WENT AWAY TO A SECLUDED PLACE, AND WAS PRAYING THERE.

LUKE 6:12 IT WAS AT THIS TIME THAT HE WENT OFF TO THE MOUNTAIN TO PRAY, AND HE SPENT THE WHOLE NIGHT IN PRAYER TO GOD. AND WHEN DAY CAME, HE CALLED HIS DISCIPLES TO HIM AND CHOSE TWELVE OF THEM, WHOM HE ALSO NAMED AS APOSTLES.

J I PACKER QUOTE "HOW WE PRAY IS AS IMPORTANT A QUESTION AS WE CAN EVER FACE."

5 SUGGESTIONS FOR YOUR CLOSET PRAYER LIFE:

1. _____ YOUR OWN CLOSET

2. BEGIN WITH THE _____

GEORGE MUELLER QUOTE: THE GREATEST PURPOSE OF MY LIFE IS TO PROVE THAT GOD STILL ANSWERS PRAYER

3. USE A PRAYER _____ A.C.T.S.

- A _____
- C _____
- T _____
- S _____

4. HAVE A TIME OF _____ PRAYER

SOME PRAYERS OF THE BIBLE TO MEDITATE ON:

- EPHESIANS 1:17-21; 3:16-19;
- PHIL. 1:9-11
- COL. 1:9-12

5. KEEP IT _____

2. PUBLIC PRAYER

- TAKE PRAYER INTO YOUR _____
 - 1 THESS. 5:17 PRAY WITHOUT CEASING.
 - ROMANS 12:12 BE CONSTANT IN PRAYER
 - COL. 4:2 CONTINUE STEADFASTLY IN PRAYER
 - EP. 6:18 PRAY AT ALL TIMES
 - LUKE 18:1 WE OUGHT ALWAYS TO PRAY AND NOT LOSE HEART

TIME KELLER QUOTE: "EVERYWHERE GOD IS, PRAYER IS. SINCE GOD IS EVERYWHERE AND INFINITELY GREAT, PRAYER MUST BE ALL PERVASIVE IN OUR LIVES."

- PRAY TOGETHER WITH _____

JESUS PRAYED WITH HIS DISCIPLES:

LUKE 9:28 SOME EIGHT DAYS AFTER THESE SAYINGS, JESUS TOOK ALONG PETER AND JOHN AND JAMES, AND WENT UP ON THE MOUNTAIN TO PRAY.

LUKE 11:1 IT HAPPENED THAT WHILE JESUS WAS PRAYING IN A CERTAIN PLACE, AFTER HE HAD FINISHED, ONE OF HIS DISCIPLES SAID TO HIM, "LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY.

LUKE 9:18 AND IT HAPPENED THAT WHILE HE WAS PRAYING ALONE, THE DISCIPLES WERE WITH HIM.

THE EARLY CHURCH PRAYED TOGETHER:

ACTS 1:14 ALL THESE WITH ONE ACCORD WERE DEVOTING THEMSELVES TO PRAYER.

ACTS 4:24 AND WHEN THEY HEARD THIS, THEY LIFTED THEIR VOICES TO GOD WITH ONE ACCORD.

ACTS 6:6 THEY PRAYED AND LAID THEIR HANDS ON THEM

ACTS 12:5 SO PETER WAS KEPT IN PRISON, BUT PRAYER FOR HIM WAS BEING MADE FERVENTLY BY THE CHURCH TO GOD.

V. 12 MANY WERE GATHERED TOGETHER AND WERE PRAYING.

ACTS 13:3 THEN, WHEN THEY HAD FASTED AND PRAYED AND LAID THEIR HANDS ON THEM, THEY SENT THEM AWAY.

ACTS 16:25 BUT ABOUT MIDNIGHT PAUL AND SILAS WERE PRAYING AND SINGING HYMNS TO GOD

ACTS 20:36 WHEN HE HAD SAID THESE THINGS, HE KNELT DOWN AND PRAYED WITH THEM ALL. AND THEY BEGAN TO WEEP ALOUD AND EMPBRACED PAUL, AND REPEATEDLY KISSED HIM, GRIEVING ESPECIALLY OVER THE WORD WHICH HE HAD SPOKEN, THAT THEY WOULD NOT SEE HIS FACE AGAIN. AND THEY WERE ACCOMPANYING HIM TO THE SHIP

5 SUGGESTIONS FOR PRAYING WITH OTHERS:

1. MAKE IT _____
2. START WITH _____
 - INHALE SCRIPTURE THEN EXHALE PRAYER!
3. LIMIT _____ TIME
4. BE BRIEF AND _____
5. PRAY WITHOUT _____ AND WITH _____ IN MIND.

9 BENEFITS OF PRAYING TOGETHER WITH OTHERS:

1. ADDED _____
2. MULITIPLIED _____
3. GREATER _____ TO GOD

2 COR. 1:11 YOU ALSO JOIN IN HELPING US THROUGH YOUR PRAYERS, SO THAT THANKS MAY BE GIVEN BY MANY PERSONS ON OUR BEHALF FOR THE FAVOR BESTOWED ON US THROUGH THE PRAYERS OF THE MANY.

4. FRUITFUL MINISTRY AND _____
5. _____ AMONG BELIEVERS
6. WE RECEIVE _____ WE OTHERWISE WOULDNT GET

JAMES 5:14-16 IS ANYONE AMONG YOU SICK? THEN HE MUST CALL FOR THE LEADERS OF THE CHURCH, AND THEY ARE TO PRAY OVER HIM, ANOINTING HIM WITH OIL IN THE NAME OF THE LORD; AND THE PAYER OFFERED IN FAITH WILL RESTORE THE ONE WHO IS SICK, AND THE LORD WILL RAISE HIM UP, AND IF HE HAS COMMITTED SINS, THEY WILL BE FORGIVEN HIM. THEREFORE, CONFESS YOUR SINS TO ONE ANOTHER, AND PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER SO THAT YOU MAY BE HEALED.

7. TO LEARN AND _____ IN OUR PRAYING
8. _____ EACH OTHER
9. KNOW _____ MORE

TIM KELLER QUOTE- BY PRAYING WITH FRIENDS, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO HEAR AND SEE FACETS OF JESUS THAT YOU HAVE NOT YET PERCEIVED.