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SERIES: 40 DAYS OF PRAYER

Spiritual Growth Campaign

Part 2: A Primer On Prayer

"Once Jesus was in a certain place praying. As He finished, one of His disciples came to Him and said, 'Lord, teach us to pray.'" Luke 11:1

Our frustrations with prayer are caused by our

_____ about prayer:

- Prayer is not a _____ wand
- Prayer is not a _____ extinguisher
- Prayer is not a _____ of war
- Prayer is not a _____ to relieve _____

Four foundational truths about prayer:

I. God _____ for me to _____ to Him

"The Lord is like a father to His children, tender and compassionate to those who reverence Him." Psalm 103:13

"And we are confident that He hears us whenever we ask for anything that pleases Him. [15]And since we know He hears us when we make our requests, we also know that He will give us what we ask for." 1 John 5:14-15

- Prayer is a conversation, not a _____
- Prayer is a _____, not a _____

II. God listens to prayers that are _____ and

_____

"When you pray, don't be like the hypocrites who love to pray publicly on street corners and in the synagogues where everyone can see them. I tell you the truth, that is all the reward they will ever get. [6]But when you pray, go away by yourself, shut the door behind you, and pray to your Father in private. Then your Father, who sees everything, will reward you." Matthew 6:5-6

"Let us come to God with a sincere heart and a sure faith." Hebrews 10:22a (TEV)

Notes:

III. God likes to _____ His grace by

_____ prayer

"Seek the Lord while you can find Him. Call on Him now while He is near. [7]Let the wicked change their ways and banish the very thought of doing wrong. Let them turn to the Lord that He may have mercy on them. Yes, turn to our God, for He will forgive generously." Isaiah 55:6-7

IV. God _____ to be _____ to me

"So the Lord will wait for you to come to Him so He can show you His love and compassion. For the Lord is a faithful God. Blessed are those who wait for His help." Isaiah 30:18

"I want you to show love, not offer sacrifices. I want you to know Me more than I want burnt offerings. [7]But like Adam, you broke My covenant and betrayed My trust." Hosea 6:6-7

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