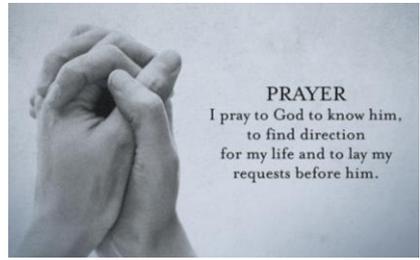


**Sermon Notes**  
**Believe: Prayer**  
**How do I communicate with God?**  
*January 16, 2022*

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What is prayer to you?

**1. Prayer is a \_\_\_\_\_ of being a \_\_\_\_\_ of God!**

- *Romans 8:15 For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." 16 The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.*
- *Our Father who art in heaven.*  
*What does this mean? With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.*

For what does a child ask a parent? Similar with prayer to God!

- \_\_\_\_\_ : I pray to God to know him.
- \_\_\_\_\_ : I pray to God to find direction for my life.
- \_\_\_\_\_ : I pray to God to lay my requests before him.

**2. Prayer is a \_\_\_\_\_ when \_\_\_\_\_ is a barrier!**

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the Lord would not have listened;  
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20 Praise be to God,  
who has not rejected my prayer or withheld his love from me!*

- Sin creates \_\_\_\_\_...God won't listen to me.
- Sin creates \_\_\_\_\_...I don't need God.
- Sin creates \_\_\_\_\_...I block the relationship with God.

• *Isaiah 59 Surely the arm of the Lord is not too short to save, nor his ear too dull to hear.*

*2 But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear.*

*3 For your hands are stained with blood, your fingers with guilt. Your lips have spoken lies, and your tongue mutters wicked things.*

### **3. Prayer is a \_\_\_\_\_ to be used with \_\_\_\_\_!**

- *Matthew 7:7 “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.*

*9 “Which of you, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? 10 Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? 11 If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!*

- *James 1:5 If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. 6 But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. 7 That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord; 8 he is a double-minded man, unstable in all he does.*

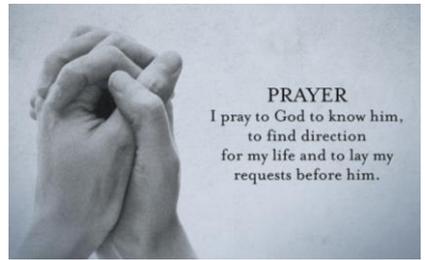
What gives confidence to your prayers?

- a. Pray with a \_\_\_\_\_ of faith!
- b. Pray in \_\_\_\_\_ name!
- c. Pray with confidence God will \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_!

*DAILY DEVOTION: Join email list to start your day with a devotion! Go to [www.crossandcrowntx.com](http://www.crossandcrowntx.com) and hover over the “GROW” tab and click on “Daily Devotion Emails”*

*Applying to My Life:*  
**SERMON REFLECTIONS**

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**The thought the Spirit is leading me to focus on is:**

**The change the Spirit is leading me to work on is:**

**The action the Spirit is prompting me to take is:**

**My prayers today are:**

**Someone I would like to bless with today's message:**

*Digging Deeper:*  
**STUDY THIS WEEK: S.O.A.P. METHOD**

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**Scripture:** *(Use one from the message this week)*

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**Observation:** *(What stood out about this verse? What do you notice?)*

**Application:** *(How can you apply this verse in your life today? How can you live in light of this truth?)*

**Prayer:** *(Turn your thoughts into prayer. Ask the Lord to show you how to believe and live this verse. Pray for people and situations in your life.)*