

HOW TO PRAY WITH CONFIDENCE

Session 2 - Small Group Notes

“Cast all your care upon him, for he cares for you.” 1 Peter 5:7 (AP)

Jesus taught us to pray, “Our Father in heaven.” One of the words in the Bible for “father” is “Abba,” which simply means “daddy” or “papa.” Abba is a term of endearment, love, intimacy, and security. Jesus was telling us that when you pray to God, you’re talking to your Dad.

When you truly know and understand your heavenly Father, it will radically change your prayer life. It will enable you to pray with more confidence than ever before.

GOD IS A _____ FATHER

“Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you!”

Isaiah 49:15 (NIV)

“For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”
(NIV) Romans 8:38-39

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“There is nothing deceitful in God, nothing two-faced, nothing fickle.”

James 1:17 (MSG)

“I the Lord do not change.”

Malachi 3:6 (NIV)

“Even when we are too weak to have any faith left, God remains faithful to us and will help us, for he cannot disown us who are a part of himself, and he will always carry out his promises to us.”

2 Timothy 2:13 (TLB)

“God will never go back on his promises.”

Romans 11:29 (TLB)

“My God is changeless in his love for me.”

Psalm 59:10 (TLB)

GOD IS A _____ FATHER

“I will not in any way fail you nor give you up nor leave you without support. I will not, I will not, I will not in any degree leave you helpless nor forsake nor let you down or relax my hold on you. Assuredly not!”

Hebrews 13:5 (AMP)

“How precious are your thoughts about me, O God. They cannot be numbered! I can’t even count them; they outnumber the grains of sand!”

Psalm 139:17-18 (NLT)

- GOD IS NEVER _____

“Though my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will receive me.”

Psalm 27:10 (NIV)

- GOD LOVES TO _____

“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!”

Matthew 7:11 (NIV)

- GOD IS _____

“The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.”

Psalm 34:18 (NIV)

“God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in times of trouble.”

Psalm 46:1 (GW)

GOD IS A _____ FATHER

“Nothing is impossible for God!”

Luke 1:37 (CEV)

“God is able to do far more than we would ever dare to ask or even dream of – infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, or hopes.”

Ephesians 3:20 (TLB)

“No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined the things that God has prepared for those who love him.”

1 Corinthians 2:9 (GW)

Are you certain that God is your Father?

“To all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.”

John 1:12 (NIV)

When you place your faith in Jesus Christ, then God becomes your caring, consistent, close, competent Father, and you can pray with confidence the way Jesus taught us to pray: “My Father in heaven, hal-
lowed by your name”.

“You are all God’s children by believing in Christ Jesus.”

Galatians 3:26 (GW)



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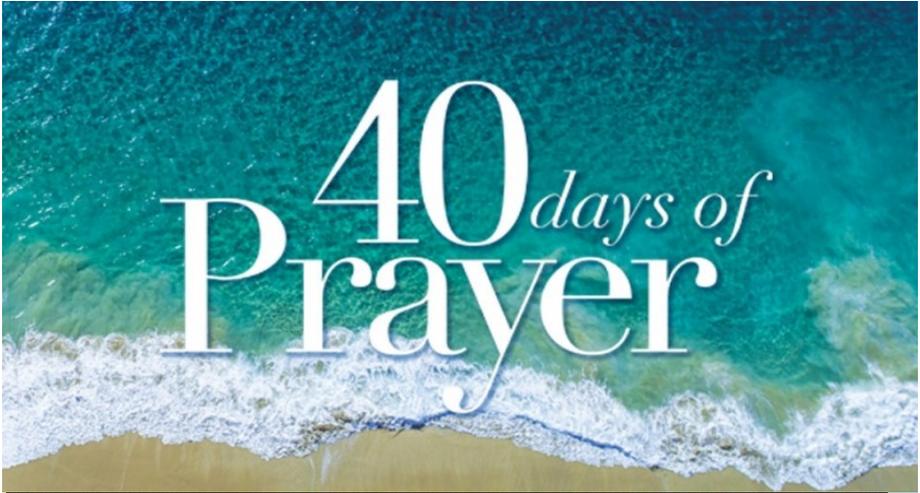
DNA Life Groups

Sermon Based Small Groups

40 Days of Prayer - Who Do You Think You Are Talking To?

Speaker: Blake Moore

1 June 2020



Please note that these studies are designed to be explored after hearing the Sunday Sermon and also to be accompanied by a time of prayer/sharing and also supper. To listen to this message again please head to the church website or download from iTunes.

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GETTING STARTED:

Question #1 How did you go praying this week? Did you notice any changes after last week?

Question #2 What was the main challenge for you from Sunday's message?

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If you haven't already watch Session 2 - How to Pray With Confidence on Youtube or via DVD as a group

Question #3 What stood out to you from Rick's teaching / What questions do you have?

Question #4 In this session, we learned that God is a caring, consistent, close, and competent Father. Which of these characteristics has the greatest meaning to you, and why?

Question #5 Re-read Ephesians 3:20. In this lesson, Pastor Rick said, "Think of your biggest problem, your greatest dream, your most daunting challenge or fear. Not only can God handle it, he can do more than you can even imagine." What are you asking God to do? Is there something you're afraid to ask for or dream of? God can handle it all.

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DIGGING DEEPER:

Question #6 Psalm 34:18 (NIV) says, "The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit." Has this been true for you? If so, share your experience with the group.

Daily Prayer

In the Journals for 40 Days of Prayer there is an opportunity for people to spend time with God every day. This is such a valuable exercise. In this time with God you are invited to consider 1 verse and then think about the following questions:

What did you hear? - What did God Say to you as your read today's Bible passage? What word or phrase was most meaningful to you?

What do you think? - What does this passage mean to you? How does it apply to your life?

What is your prayer? - Take a few moments to write a prayer response to God.

I would encourage everyone who is part of Devonport Church of Christ to seek to implement this as a habit in their personal lives over this 40 days. Use the opportunity in Small Groups to encourage each other in it.

Make sure that you take this opportunity to pray for each other and to support one another.