

## **SERIES: EQUIPPED TO PRAY**

Title: **CALLED TO CONNECT: RELATION**

Text: Luke 11:1-2; Matt. 6:7-10

Luke 11:1-2

*<sup>1</sup> 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 just as John also taught his disciples." <sup>2</sup> And He said to them, "When you pray, say: 'Father, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come.*

Matt 6:7-10

*<sup>7</sup> And when you are praying, do not use meaningless repetition as the Gentiles do, for they suppose that they will be heard for their many words. <sup>8</sup> So do not be like them; for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him. <sup>9</sup> "Pray, then, in this way: 'Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. <sup>10</sup> 'Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.*

### **PICTURES OF PRAYER**

- **Abraham – Gen. 20**

- Through vision, as an angel, as a voice, then God spoke.
- Abraham praying is only mentioned once.
  - <sup>17</sup> *Then Abraham prayed to God, and God healed Abimelech, and also healed his wife and female slaves so that they bore children.*

- **Hannah – 1 Sam 1-2**

- <sup>10</sup> *She was deeply distressed and prayed to the LORD and wept bitterly.*
- And she vowed a vow.
- Hannah was speaking in her heart; only her lips moved, and her voice was not heard.
- <sup>15</sup> *...I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the LORD. <sup>16</sup> Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for all along I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation."*
- 1 Sam. 2 – prayer in response
  - <sup>1</sup> *... "My heart exults in the Lord;"...*

- <sup>2</sup> *“There is none holy like the Lord: for there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God.”*

- **Moses**

- A bush, face to face, from the tent, pillar of cloud
- And the Lord said to Moses...
- Ex. 5 - <sup>22</sup> *Then Moses turned to the Lord and said, “O Lord, why have you done evil to this people?”*
- Ex. 15 - <sup>25</sup> *And he cried to the Lord, and the Lord showed him a log, and he threw it into the water, and the water became sweet.*
- Ex. 17 - <sup>4</sup> *So Moses cried to the Lord, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.”*
- Ex 19 - ... <sup>3</sup> *while Moses went up to God. The Lord called to him out of the mountain, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel:”*
- Ex. 31 - <sup>18</sup> *And he gave to Moses, when he had finished speaking with him on Mount Sinai, the two tablets of the testimony, tablets of stone, written with the finger of God.*
- Num. 7 - <sup>89</sup> *And when Moses went into the tent of meeting to speak with the Lord, he heard the voice speaking to him from above the mercy seat that was on the ark of the testimony, from between the two cherubim; and it spoke to him.*
- Num. 10 - <sup>35</sup> *And whenever the ark set out, Moses said, “Arise, O Lord, and let your enemies be scattered, and let those who hate you flee before you.”* <sup>36</sup> *And when it rested, he said, “Return, O Lord, to the ten thousand thousands of Israel.”*

- **David**
- **Daniel**
- **Mary**
- **Peter**
- **Ananias**

Prayer is the topic of the series. But the heartbeat of the series is not simply prayer... but **CONNECTION.**

## **The heartbeat of the series is relational connection in prayer.**

- Connection To the Godhead
- Connection to the Body in Christ
- Connection to Purpose through Christ
- Connection in the World with Holy Spirit

**In that connection – we are constantly called to walk with Him, walk in Him, walk toward him, walk in His Power.**

## **The connection we can have is available due to a call from God.**

God has from the beginning **called** us to come to Him.

- Where are you, Adam?
- Whosoever will, may come.
- Come unto me...
- The Spirit and the Son say, Come!

## **THERE IS NO SHORTCUT TO RELATIONSHIP**

- Many are introduced.
- Many have met.
- It is a choice to know the Lord.
- One can be in the church for decades and not know the Lord.

## **Citizens of heaven – social issues and the sacred mind**

### **The Road you take:**

- God or no God
- Personal or impersonal
- Sacred texts
- Identity of God
- Orthodoxy or apostasy

## **A GOD MADE UNTO OURSELVES**

**In many conversations with people, I simply have to acknowledge that I am speaking with someone with a secular mind and the sacred is not present.**

- This is not a condemnation.
- It is a clarification.
- I cannot expect God's ways to arise from one who makes a god for himself out of the self-created buffet of his own emotions.

### **Tassels on Garments**

Numbers 15:37-41

<sup>37</sup> *The Lord said to Moses,* <sup>38</sup> *“Speak to the people of Israel, and tell them to make tassels on the corners of their garments throughout their generations, and to put a cord of blue on the tassel of each corner. <sup>39</sup> And it shall be a tassel for you to look at and remember all the commandments of the Lord, to do them, not to follow after your own heart and your own eyes, which you are inclined to whore after. <sup>40</sup> So you shall remember and do all my commandments, and be holy to your God. <sup>41</sup> I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt to be your God: I am the Lord your God.”*

**But this series is for those who would connect to the Creator. It is for those who would know God and live a life honoring God: those who would walk in relationship with God.**

**So let me join with God in calling you to a deep connection and relationship with Him.**

### **Jeremiah 29: 12-14**

<sup>12</sup> *Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. <sup>13</sup> You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. <sup>14</sup> I will be found by you,” declares the Lord,*

### **THE OBJECTIVE TRUTH OF WHO GOD IS**

**... whether or not you agree or acknowledge or accept it is this...**

### **He is God and He is Sovereign**

#### **Colossians 1:16–17**

*For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.*

**Isaiah 45:7–9**

*I form light and create darkness; I make well-being and create calamity; I am the LORD, who does all these things. “Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain down righteousness; let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness may bear fruit; let the earth cause them both to sprout; I the LORD have created it. Woe to him who strives with him who formed him, a pot among earthen pots! Does the clay say to him who forms it, ‘What are you making?’ or ‘Your work has no handles?’”*

**He is God and is Holy****1 Samuel 2:2**

*There is none holy like the Lord; there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God.*

**Exodus 15:11**

*Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?*

**He is God and is Present****Psalm 139:7**

*“Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence?”*

**Matt 28:20**

*“I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”*

- Just the two of us.
- No one is with you always except God.
- No one knows you like he knows you.

**He is God and He is Faithful****Deuteronomy 32:4**

*“The Rock! His work is perfect, For all His ways are just; A God of faithfulness and without injustice, Righteous and upright is He.”*

**Psalm 33:4**

*For the word of the Lord is upright, and all His work is done in faithfulness.*

**CHALLENGE:**

Respond to God's call to connect.

Come to God as He is, not as you want Him to be.

Desire His Kingdom on Earth, not your desire for His Kingdom.