

Prayer

Key Scriptures

Romans 8:14-27 ¹⁴ For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." ¹⁶ The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs-- heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together. ¹⁸ For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. ¹⁹ For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; ²¹ because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. ²² For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. ²³ Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body. ²⁴ For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance. ²⁶ Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. ²⁷ Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

TALK IT OVER

Start talking: Pick a conversation starter for your group.

- If your house was on fire, and you could only grab 3 possessions to save, what would you choose?

Start thinking. Ask questions to get your group thinking.

- In Kyle's message outline, he listed four things that teach us and enable us to pray during difficult times.

1. **Your Adoption/Birth:**
2. **Your Experiences:**
3. **Your Position in Christ**
4. **Your Community/Fellowship**

In what ways do each of these issues both teach you to pray, and enable you to pray? (it may be helpful to note where and how Paul speaks of this through the passage? How does prayer relate to this?)

Start sharing. Choose a question to create openness.

- In your own personal life, how would you describe your experience in learning to pray?
- Do you feel comfortable praying with other believers? Why or why not?
- Do you notice a difference in your individual prayers and prayer with others?
- How have prayer times with others taught you how to pray?

Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week!

- When you pray, start by reflecting on whom you are approaching, and how you have a right to approach before thinking of the items you need to pray for.

Prayer Requests. It may be helpful to pray the scriptures back to God.

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