



SOUTHBRIDGE
COMMUNITY CHURCH

“Conversations with God” Part III

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Phase #3 = “Me”

Review 3 Foundations:

1. There is potential in prayer that I have yet to experience.
2. The idea of a “back and forth” conversation with God is both exciting and challenging to me.
3. Past difficulties or lack of experience does NOT limit my potential in prayer.

Luke 11:1 (NLT)

Once when Jesus had been out praying, one of his disciples came to him as he finished and said, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples."

Observation #1: The disciples were very familiar with

“_____ -based” prayer.

Observation #2: While observing Jesus, the disciples witnessed

“_____ -based” prayer!

Matthew 6:7-15 (NLT)

“When you pray, don't babble on and on as people of other religions do. They think their prayers are answered only by repeating their words again and again. 8 Don't be like them, because your Father knows exactly what you need even before you ask him! 9 Pray like this: Our Father in heaven, may your name be honored. 10 May your Kingdom come soon. May your will be done here on earth, just as it is in heaven. 11 Give us our food for today, 12 and forgive us our sins, just as we have forgiven those who have sinned against us. 13 And don't let us yield to temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. 14"If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. 15 But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins.”

1. Acknowledge my _____.

v.11 Give us our food for today...

* Notice the _____!

2. Confess my need for _____.

v. 12 ...and forgive us our sins, just as we have forgiven those who have sinned against us.

3. Request help with _____.

v.13 And don't let us yield to temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

“Pastor, what if 1 or 2 of these points don't apply to me?”

Answer #1 = They do. All 3 apply to you!

- Let go of _____!

Answer #2 = “Preventative Prayer” is very wise, yet seldom

_____.

Personal Action Steps

- Why did Jesus make “conversation with God” such a significant priority for himself?
- Presently, what is my greatest hindrance to consistent prayer?
- What is the next growth step I need to take?