



SOUTHBRIDGE
COMMUNITY CHURCH

“Conversations with God” Part VI

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Luke 5:16 (NIV) But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.

Luke 6:12 (NLT) One day soon afterward Jesus went to a mountain to pray, and he prayed to God all night.

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.

Conversation Barriers

1. Lack of personal _____.

Matthew 6:12-13 (NLT) ...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.

** Be careful to not allow the “Loving Relationship Factor” in prayer, result in a failure to recognize the _____ of God.

2. Watch out for _____.

Matthew 6:14-15(NLT) “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.”

Matthew 18:21b-22 (NLT) “Lord, how often should I forgive someone who sins against me? Seven times?” 22 "No!" Jesus replied, "seventy times seven!"

3. “Me and Mine” driven _____.

Proverbs 21:13 (NLT) Those who shut their ears to the cries of the poor will be ignored in their own time of need.

4. Other than times of _____, do I REALLY desire to hear God’s voice?

Psalms 42:1-2 As the deer pants for streams of water, so I long for you, O God. 2 I thirst for God, the living God. When can I come and stand before him?

Personal Action Steps

- What few things, throughout the “Conversations with God” series, challenge me most?
- What action steps am I willing to begin taking?
- What is Proverbs 21:13 saying to me?