

Bay City Wesleyan Church -- Bay City, Michigan

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Sunday Morning Worship Celebration 02-04-2024

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Series: Make Room for Jesus
Series Big Idea: We often view prayer as a task or an action we perform. We teach children that it is a way of talking to Jesus and asking God to fulfill our desires. We strive to improve our prayer practices to receive more from God. But what if prayer is more than just a simple act? What if prayer is about creating space for us to know Jesus better and become more like him? What if the primary goal of prayer is to connect with Jesus and develop a stronger relationship with him? How would this change our approach to prayer?
Text: Matthew 6:5-8
Title: It's Who You Know

Romans 15:13 NET

[13] Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you believe in him, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

[18] For I will not dare to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me in order to bring about the obedience of the Gentiles, by word and deed,

[19] in the power of signs and wonders, in the power of the Spirit of God. So from Jerusalem even as far as Illyricum I have fully preached the gospel of Christ. [20] And in this way I desire to preach where Christ has not been named, so as not to build on another person's foundation,

Luke 15:1-7 NIV

[1] Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. [2] But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." [3] Then Jesus told them this parable: [4] "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? [5] And when he finds

it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders [6] and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' [7] I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

Matthew 6:5-8 NIV

[5] "And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. [6] But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. [7] And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. [8] Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

Sermon in a Sentence: Prayer is about knowing God, not answers.

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