

Bay City Wesleyan Church -- Bay City, Michigan

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Sunday Morning Worship Celebration 02-11-2024

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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 6:5-15
Title: Who Knows You Is Vital

Jeremiah 29:11-14 NET "I know what I have planned for you," says the Lord. "I have plans to prosper you, not to harm you. I have plans to give you a future filled with hope. When you call out to me and come to me in prayer, I will hear your prayers. When you seek me in prayer and worship, you will find me available to you. If you seek me with all your heart and soul, I will make myself available to you," says the Lord. ...

Matthew 7:24-27 NIV

[24] "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. [25] The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. [26] But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. [27] The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."

Matthew 6:5-15 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. [9] "This, then, is how you should pray: "'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, [10] your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. [11] Give us today our daily bread. [12] And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. [13] And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. ' [14] For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. [15] But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

Sermon in a Sentence: Every prayer welcomes us into God's extravagant loving embrace.

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