



Childlike Prayer

INTRODUCTION:

There are many things that we all can learn from children. In this message, we learn how Jesus calls all believers to persevere in prayer. To help us understand the principle, He pointed to a common trait in children that is an example for us to follow. When we pray, we need not be formal, eloquent, or even educated. We must simply come humble, honest, and fully dependent on Him.

READ: Luke 11:1-13

DISCUSSION:

1. What are some of the things that you remember praying for as a child? What are some things that you enjoy about listening to a child pray?
2. Why should prayer be a priority in our lives?
 - How did Jesus model this for us?
 - How many of the disciples did Jesus teach to preach? How many did He teach to pray?
 - According to 1 Timothy 2:1, what emphasis did the Apostle Paul place on prayer?
3. God clearly calls us to be faithful in prayer. Why do so many of us struggle to do this?
4. The message this week mentioned four common obstacles that often hinder our prayers. What were they?
 - In what ways have you experienced these obstacles?
 - Are there any others that you would add to the list?
5. What three words did Jesus use to describe the progression of prayer? What do these words mean and how should we practice this in our lives?
6. In what ways have you observed the persistence of a child?
 - What are some questions that they ask repeatedly?
 - What can their persistence teach us about approaching our heavenly Father?
7. According to Luke 11:11-12, what did the child ask for?
 - Why did he feel confident asking for this?
 - What was the father's response?
8. Read Ephesians 1:3-6. How does a person become a part of God's family? Once we are a part of His family how is our relationship described?
9. What does Luke 11:13 teach us about our heavenly Father and how should this truth impact our prayer life?

READING LIST:

Monday: Ephesians 1:3-6 / **Tuesday:** Romans 8:14-17 / **Wednesday:** 1 Timothy 2:1-8

Thursday: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-22 / **Friday:** James 1:5-8 / **Saturday:** James 4:1-8

Sunday: Luke 18:1-8