

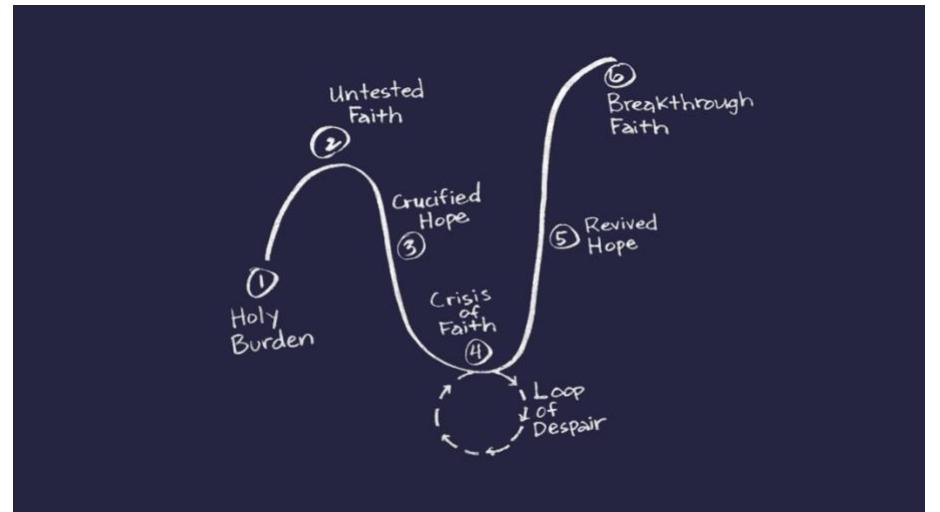


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Matthew 6

⁹"Therefore, you should pray like this:

Our Father in heaven, your name be honored as holy.

"The modern consensus among scholars is that the Lord's Prayer begins with the Aramaic word abba and therefore we can assume that Jesus taught his disciples to pray in the Aramaic of daily communication rather than the classic Hebrew of written texts. The Aramaic-speaking Jew in the first century was accustomed to recite prayers in Hebrew, not Aramaic."

Dr Kenneth Bailey – Jesus Through Middle Eastern Eyes

Matthew 6

¹⁰ Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

"The Kingdom is God's reign through God's people over God's place."

Jeremy Treat

Matthew 6

¹¹ Give us today our daily bread.

¹² And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

¹³ And do not bring us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

Bottom Line: Expectation tries to manage God; expectancy rests in who God is.

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