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Our Father Who Is In Heaven

The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

9“Pray, then, in this way:

‘Our Father who is in heaven,
Hallowed be Your name.

Matthew 6:9-13

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

Matthew 6:9-13

11' Give us this day our daily bread.

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

Matthew 6:9-13

¹³And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil. [For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.]

Matthew 6:5-8

⁵When you pray, you are not to be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on the street corners so that they may be seen by men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full.

Matthew 6:5-8

⁶But you, when you pray, go into your inner room, close your door and pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you.

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⁷And when you are praying, do not use meaningless repetition as the Gentiles do, for they suppose that they will be heard for their many words. ⁸So do not be like them; for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him.

Origins

- Quiet Time
- Simplicity & Depth
- Layers of Meaning



100,000 Foot View



- Template on How to Pray
- Two Major Sections
 - God's Concerns
 - Man's Concerns

6 Petitions

- God's Name be Sanctified
- God's Will Be Done
- God's Kingdom Come
- Our Daily Bread
- Forgive Us
- Lead Us

100,000 Foot View

- Simple, Beautiful, and Complete Prayer
- Not Very Challenging or Convicting
- You Can Whistle Right Past It

Culturally Appropriated

- One Of The Best Known Passages
 - Just Behind 'Do Not Judge'
- It's Baked Into Our Culture
- It's Become Almost a Magical Incantation

Matthew 6:7

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Performative vs Relational Prayer

- Easy
- No Relationship Required
- Immediate Rewards
- Feeds Self

- Hard
- Relationship Required
- Delayed Reward
- Leads to Death to Self

Let's Take A Closer Look

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Principal: Prayer Begin With Praise

- Puts God In The Right Place
 - In That Situation
 - In Our Priorities

Philippians 4:6

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

1st Thessalonians 5:16-18

Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

What Do We Pray About?

- Do we set threshold for prayer?
- Do we reserve certain topics for prayer?

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Singular vs. Plural

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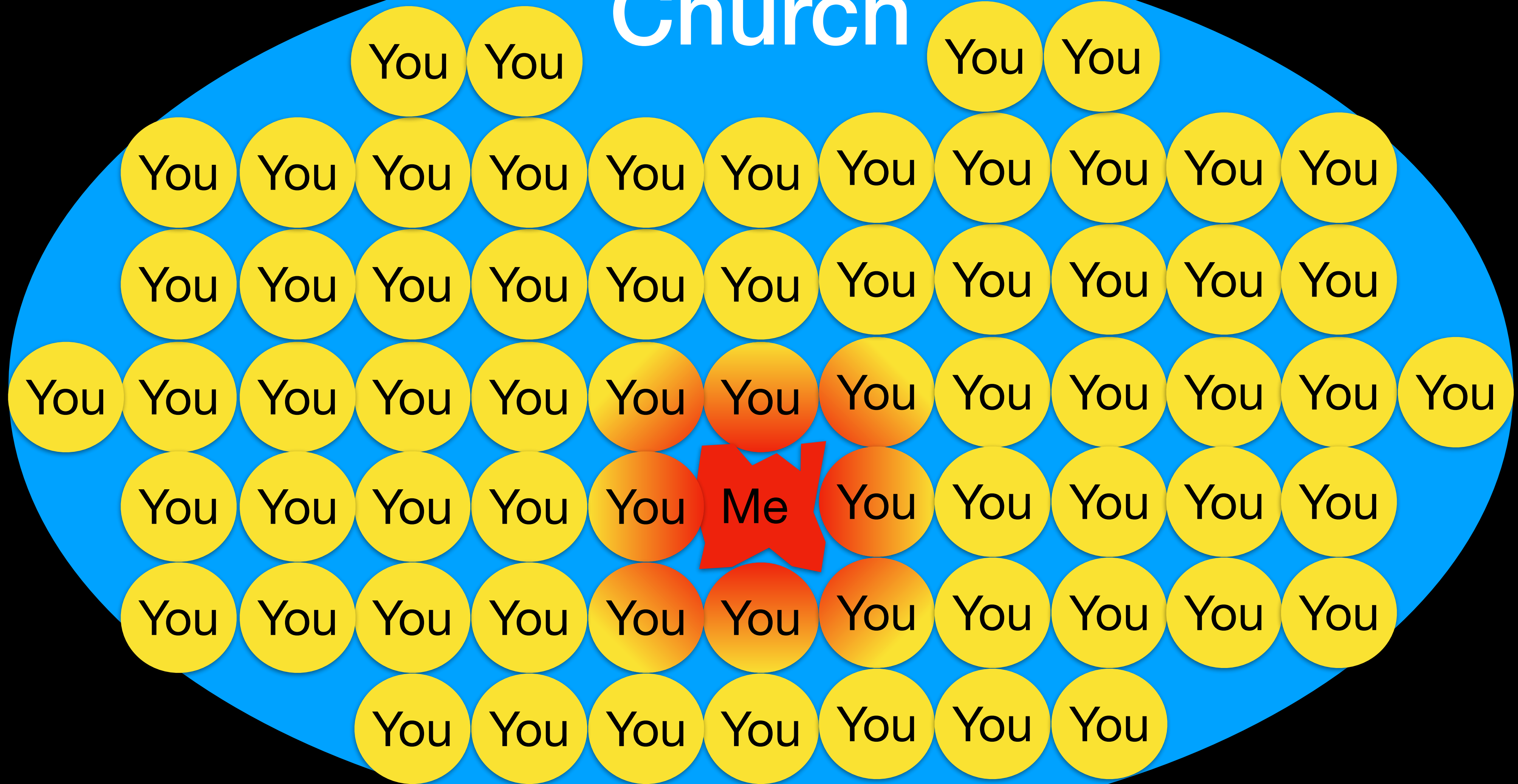
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1st Corinthians 12:26

And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it.

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Principals

- We are not isolated in our actions
 - When we pray we impact the body
 - When we praise we impact the body
 - When we hurt the body hurts
 - When we sin we affect the body
- Doesn't negate the importance of Corporate Prayer

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What Does it Mean to Pray to Our Father?

- He wants to be with us.
- He wants to respond to us.
- He wants us to be like Him.
- We want to be like Him.

War on Fatherhood

- + Adam
- + Industrial Revolution
- + War on Poverty
- + Sexual Revolution
- = Corrupt Fatherhood



Father's Relation To Child

- Love
- Discipline
- Guide
- Model

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 - Hebrews 12:6-11
- Guide
- Model

7b for what son is there whom his father does not discipline?

Father's Relation To Child

- Love
- Discipline
- Guide
- Proverbs 22:6
- Model

22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go, Even when he is old he will not depart from it

Father's Relation To Child

- Love
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- Model
- Matthew 5:48

***Therefore you
are to be perfect,
as your heavenly
Father is perfect.***

Child's Relation To Father

- Wants to be like the father
- Wants to be approved by the father
- Is awed by the father



Father at Work

- Much more than our caretaker
- Busy doing things bigger than we can know



How Does This Effect Our Prayers

- We Can Share Our Hearts
 - He Loves Us
 - He Wants to Talk to Us
 - He Wants Guide Us
 - He Wants Be with Us

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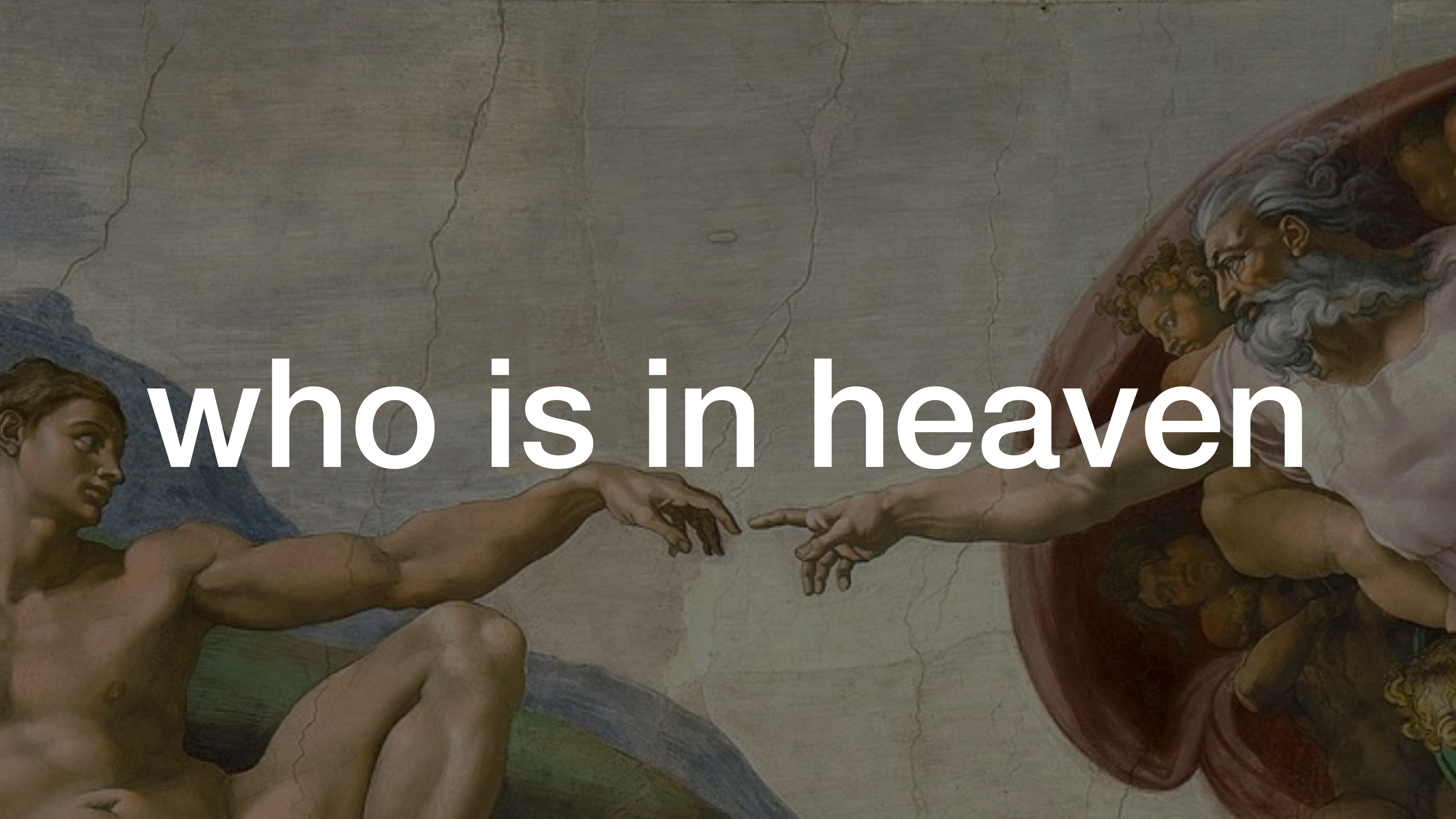
- We Can Pray With Confidence
- We Need To Listen When We Pray
- He Wants To Show Us His Work
- Through Our Communion In Prayer He Makes Us Like Himself

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who is in heaven

What Does This Tell Us?

- He's Far Above Us
- He's Not Like Our Father
- He's In Control

He's Far Above Us

- He's Set Apart
- His Ways Are Higher
- He's Not Our 'Bud'

Isaiah 55:8-9

“For My thoughts are not your thoughts,
Nor are your ways My ways,”
declares the LORD.

“For as the heavens are higher
than the earth,
So are My ways higher than
your ways
And My thoughts than your
thoughts.

He's Not Like Our Father

- He's Unchanging
- He Will Always Be Our Father
 - We Will Always Be His Children

He's In Control

- He's Not Surprised
- He's Not Struggling

How Does This Impact Our Prayer

- We Should Approach With Reverence & Awe
- He Knows What We Need
- He Wants Us To Agree With Him
- He's Always There

Conclusion

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Let Us Pray