

TALKING TO YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER
Seeking God for a Breakthrough – Part 3

“Jesus’ followers said, ‘Lord, teach us to pray!’ Then Jesus said, ‘When you pray, begin by saying ‘Our Father in heaven...’” Luke 11:1-2

Matthew 7:7-12

1. GOD PROMISES TO ANSWER IF I KEEP ASKING

“Keep on asking, and you will be given what you ask for. Keep on looking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened. For anyone who asks will receive; and anyone who seeks will find, and to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.” Matthew 7:7-8

- WHEN I’M CLOSE TO MY FATHER, I JUST **ASK**
- WHEN I’M **NOT** CLOSE TO MY FATHER, I MUST **SEEK**
- WHEN A BARRIER IS IN THE WAY, I **KNOCK**

2. GOD WILL NEVER ASK ME ANYTHING THAT IS UNHELPFUL

“If your child asked you for some bread to eat, would any of you fathers give her a stone instead?” Matthew 7:9

3. GOD WILL NEVER GIVE ME ANYTHING THAT COULD HARM ME

“Or if your child asked for some fish, would you put a snake on their plate?”

Matthew 7:10

4. GOD WILL ONLY GIVE ME WHAT’S BEST FOR ME

“Now since even you as a sinful, imperfect parent, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more does you good and perfect Father in heaven give only gifts that are good to those who ask him!” Matthew 7:11

5. GOD WANTS ME TO GIVE AWAY WHAT I WANT TO RECEIVE

“So in every situation, always do to others what you would want them do to you. This sums up all the commands and teachings in the Bible.”

Matthew 7:12

FOR REVIEW AT HOME

Pt 1. HOW TO PRAY IN A CRISIS

(5 Steps from Daniel 9:1-23) Oct. 30

“If my people, who are called by my name, will HUMBLE themselves and PRAY and SEEK my face and TURN from their wrong ways, then I will HEAR from heaven and will FORGIVE their sin and HEAL their land!”

2 Chronicles 7:14 (NIV)

Pt. 2. HOW TO PRAY A ‘BREAKTHROUGH’ PRAYER

(In situations that are beyond your control) 6 parts — 2 Chron. 20

“EVERY DAY Lord, I lift my hands to you in prayer and I call to you.”

Psalm 88:9



LEFT: WHO to pray for

Thumb: Family & Friends

Index: Leaders & Teachers

Tallest: Influencers

Ring: weakest - sick, poor, old, kids

Small: Myself

RIGHT: WHAT to pray

Thumb: my own heart

Index: my priorities. What's #1?

Tallest: my influence

Ring: my relationships

Small: material blessings