

Week 2- How to Pray With Confidence

Key Verse: 1 Peter 5:7 (NKJV) *Cast all your care upon him, for he cares for you.*

Question & Answer- HOW TO PRAY WITH CONFIDENCE

- God is a _____ Father

“Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you!” ISAIAH 49:15 (NIV)

“For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” ROMANS 8:38-39 (NIV)

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- God is a _____ Father

“There is nothing deceitful in God, nothing two-faced, nothing fickle.” JAMES 1:17 (THE MESSAGE)

“I the Lord do not change.” MALACHI 3:6 (NIV)

“Even when we are too weak to have any faith left. [God] remains faithful to us and will help us, for he cannot disown us who are a part of himself, and he will always carry out his promises to us.” 2 TIMOTHY 2:13 (TLB)

“[God] will never go back on his promises.” ROMANS 11:29 (TLB)

“My God is changeless in his love for me.” PSALM 59:10 (TLB)

- God is a _____ Father

“I will not in any way fail you nor give you up nor leave you without support. I will not, I will not, I will not in any degree leave your helpless nor forsake nor let you down or relax my hold on you. Assuredly not!” HEBREWS 13:5 (AMP)

“How precious are your thoughts about me, O God. They cannot be numbered! I can’t even count them; they outnumber the grains of sand!” PSALM 139: 17-18 (NLT)

- God is never _____

“Though my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will receive me.” PSALM 27:10 (NIV)

- God loves to _____

“If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!” MATTHEW 7:11 (NIV)

- God is _____

“The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.” PSALM 34:18

“God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in times of trouble.” PSALM 46:1 (GW)

- God is a _____ Father

“Nothing is impossible for God!” LUKE 1:37 (CEV)

“[God] is able to do far more than we would ever dare to ask or even dream of-ininitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, or hopes.” EPHESIANS 3:20 (TLB)

“No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined the things that God has prepared for those who love him.” 1 CORINTHIANS 2:9 (GW)

Are you certain that God is your Father?

"To all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God." JOHN 1:12 (NIV)

When you place your faith in Jesus Christ, then God becomes your caring, consistent, close, competent Father, and you can pray with confidence the way Jesus taught us to pray: "My Father in heaven, hallowed be your name."

"You are all God's children by believing in Christ Jesus." GALATIANS 3:26 (GW)

Discovery Questions

1. In this session, we learned that God is a caring, consistent, close and competent Father. Which of these characteristics has the greatest meaning to you, and why?
2. Based on today's lesson about the purpose of prayer, what can you do to deepen your conversation with God?
3. Read Ephesians 3:20 in the outline above. Pastor Rick says, "Think of your biggest problem, your greatest dream, your most daunting challenge or fear. Not only can God handle it, he can do more than you can even imagine." What are you asking God to do? Is there something you're afraid to ask for or dream of? God can handle it all.
4. Psalm 34:18 says, *"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit"* (NIV). Has this been true for you? If so, share your experience with the group.

Group Prayer