

## **Talking with God (Part 2)- Going Deeper Questions**

Sunday, February 8, 2026

**Question #1:** When you hear the phrase “Talking with God”, what emotions or thoughts does it bring up for you right now? Have you ever felt pressure to “pray the right way” or use the “right words”? How has that affected your prayer life?

**Question #2:** Jesus emphasizes private prayer with the Father. What does your current private prayer time look like? What are some ways prayer can subtly become performance rather than relationship?

**Question #3:** How does seeing God first as Father change the way you approach Him in prayer? Why do you think praying “Your will be done” is such a challenging prayer? Can you think of a time when prayer changed you, even if the situation didn’t change immediately?

**Question #4:** James 4:3 and Matthew 6:12–15 both address the heart. Are there areas—such as unforgiveness, pride, or control—that might be misaligning your prayers? What steps can you take today to better align your heart with the heart of God?

**Question #5:** What practical steps help you listen to God, not just talk to Him, in prayer? When you pray for something repeatedly, what usually happens in your heart over time? What’s the difference between persistent prayer and trying to “convince” God?

**Question #6:** Jesus emphasizes God as a good Father. How does that truth shape the way you bring your needs to Him? What is one need, burden, or desire you sense God inviting you to keep bringing back to Him in prayer? Is there something that is keeping you from following through with this? If so, what steps can you take to follow God’s invitation?

### **Challenge:**

1. Choose a specific place and time this week to meet with God. Focus on relationship, not length.
2. Pray the Pattern of the Lord’s Prayer  
Day 1: Our Father in heaven (relationship)  
Day 2: Your kingdom come, Your will be done (alignment)  
Day 3: Give us today our daily bread (dependence)  
Day 4: Forgive us...as we forgive (heart check)  
Day 5: Lead us not into temptation (guidance & protection)
3. End your prayer time each day with: “Holy Spirit, lead me today. Strengthen me. Align me with Your will.”