



Talk to God

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READING: Luke 11

Have you ever had a relationship with someone you never talked to? Probably not. If you want to know someone, you must talk with them. You say some things and they listen. They say some things and you listen. It is how you build a relationship.

The same is true about our relationship with God. If you want to know God, pray to him. Jesus showed us how to pray to God in Luke 11:2-4.

Pray with gratitude. When you connect with God through prayer, start by recognizing Him for who He is. He is hallowed or honored. Start by thanking Him for all He has done - for being such a big and powerful God.

Pray with honesty. If there was ever a safe place to turn, it is to God. He wants you to know He's listening to you. He wants you to know He has a plan for you, and He can make good things come out of some of the worst situations. Praying honestly lets you hand your problems over to God. And by telling God, "not my will, but yours," you let go of your plan and your attitude can change as you allow God to lead.

Pray for forgiveness. We have all made bad choices. Asking for forgiveness should be a big part of our conversations with God. When we connect with God and pray for forgiveness, we are admitting to what we have done wrong. We are telling Him that we have messed up and need His help. It also reminds us to give others the same forgiveness He has given us.

Pray for your needs. Jesus gives us permission to be practical and to ask for what we need. The problem is, it is easy to forget to ask God for things that seem so basic. We tend to pray like we're rubbing a magic lamp, but Jesus made a point to tell us to pray for our needs. Something important happens when we ask God for what we need. It reminds us just how much we depend on Him.

No matter where you are in your relationship with God, set aside time daily to talk with God and be in His presence. This takes practice. The more time you spend with God, the more you will know Him and your relationship will deepen.

PRAYER: "Father, help me to make spending time with you in prayer a priority. I ask you to show me what I can remove from my life to make more room for You."

TOMORROW'S READING: Luke 12

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