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*The Kingdom of God* CONNECTING with

*with God in a*

GOD IN A

*world of distractions*

DISTRACTING WORLD

A

PRAYING

LIFE

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**How do you concentrate?**

**My mind floats.**

**Is that praying.**

**Do I need to say things in the right order.**

**My days to do list pops up..”**

**Overwhelming. So much to pray for.**

**Can I pray for what I want?**

**How do you interface with God?**

**I like to have a conversation but I don't hear a voice.**

**It is like I am talking to myself.**

**He knows it already.**

**Why bore God?**

**Sounds like nagging.**

**Hard to be still. Prayer is boring**





# Matthew 6:1-9

“Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven. 2 ‘Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets,

that they may be praised by others.  
Truly, I say to you, they have  
received their reward. 3 But when  
you give to the needy, do not let your  
left hand know what your right hand  
is doing, 4 so that your giving may be  
in secret. And your Father who sees  
in secret will reward you.

5 'And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. 6 But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret.

And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. 7 'And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. 8 Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. 9 Pray then like this: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.'"



**Jesus shows us how to address God in prayer.  
He is...**

**Radically Personal - Our Father...**

- **Radically Powerful- Our Father in heaven..**
- **Radically Profound - Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name.**





# **1) God is Radically Personal: Our Father**



When the Prodigal  
Son Becomes the  
Father

Recognizing the Past,  
Reclaiming the Future

FAITH REBORN  
THE PRODIGAL SON

Joseph B. Woodley



“He spoke to God as a child to its father;  
confidently and securely, and yet at the  
same time reverently and obediently.”

J Jeremias



“... they pray in order that they may arouse themselves to seek him, that they may exercise their faith in meditating on his promises, that they may relieve themselves from their anxieties by pouring them into his bosom;....

John Calvin





“ when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.” Vs 6



Jesus does not say, “Come to me, all you who have learned how to concentrate in prayer, whose minds no longer wander, and I will give you rest.” NO, Jesus opens his arms to his needy children and says, “Come to me all who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”

Paul Miller

The criteria for coming to Jesus is weariness.  
Come overwhelmed with life. Come with your  
wandering mind. Come messy.

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“The alien living with you must be treated as one of your native-born. Love him as yourself, for you were aliens in Egypt. I am the LORD your God.”

Leviticus 19:34



## **2) Radically Powerful: Our Father in heaven**





“God is attracted to weakness. He can’t resist those who humbly and honestly admit how desperately they need him. Our weakness..makes room for his power.”

Jim Cymbala



### 3. Radically Profound:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.





















































