

LET'S TALK IT OVER – PART IV
“The Art of Talking to God”
Luke 11:1-13

Human beings are created for relationship and the life blood of relationship is communication. Meaningful relationships require the vulnerability of disclosure and a commitment to acceptance. This is true in our relationship with God. In this passage, Jesus shares three attitudes that we need for a meaningful relationship with God.

#1. PRAY HUMBLY
Luke 11:2–4 (NLT)

Address God as Father

“...may your name be kept holy.”

“May your Kingdom come soon.”

“Give us each day the food we need.”

“... forgive us our sins...”

Luke 18:14 (NLT)

“... as we forgive those who sin against us.”

“And don't let us yield to temptation.”

Too often we go to God asking him to implement our plans and bring our purposes to fulfillment. When we are full of ourselves, our hopes, our desires, our purposes, and our achievements, we are simply unable to hear God.

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#2. PRAY EXPECTANTLY
Luke 11:5–8 (NLT)

Hospitality was a matter of community honor.

Good News Bible: “... not ashamed to keep on asking.”

Luke 11:9–10 (NLT)

1 John 5:14–15 (NLT)

We should pray expecting for God to respond but only if we are praying with humility, truly desiring his will.

#3. PRAY TRUSTING
Luke 11:11-13 (NLT)

Human fathers can be limited, self-centered and insensitive to needs

Human fathers will never give their children what is harmful.

Our Heavenly Father is never limited, self-centered or insensitive to needs.

Our Heavenly Father will never give us what is harmful.

He will give us the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is our relational connection with God.

Romans 8:26-28 (NLT)

When we come to God with humility, like a helpless child to their father, we can be confident that God will respond, and we can be certain that regardless of our request God will respond in ways that are for our good.

We might think, if God is going to do what he is going to do, then why should I pray. The process of humbly pouring our hearts out to God causes us to deepen our relationship with our creator and gain a greater sensitivity to his purposes in the world.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Think of a time when you had a particularly meaningful conversation with another person. What made the conversation meaningful?
2. In what sense is addressing God as Our Father an act of humility?
3. Why do we attempt to bargain with God when we have nothing to offer him?
4. How do you feel about the honor and reputation of God being our priority in prayer? Why is this important?
5. In what sense is praying, "May you Kingdom come soon," an act of submission?
6. Why is asking God to give us our food for each day an important request for those of us with full cupboards and refrigerators?
7. In what ways do we attempt to avoid genuinely acknowledging our sinfulness to God?
8. Why is forgiving others an essential act of humility?
9. When we pray in humility, why should we be confident that God will respond?
10. Why is it important to know that God will only give us what is good for us?
11. According to Roman 8:26-27 how does the Holy Spirit deepen our relationship with God?
12. Why should we pray if God is only going to answer prayers that are according to his will?

Welcome

to

Hillcrest Church!

*Happy Independence Day!
God Bless America!*

*Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord,
the people he chose for his inheritance.*

Psalm 33:12

July 3, 2022

Pastor Bruce Guckelberg, PhD

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY

Tim Brooks is continuing the series Let's Talk it Over, with a message titled "The Art of Talking to God." The ultimate conversation anybody has is with the Lord.

COMMUNION

We are gathering at the Lord's Table this morning for a meaningful time of reflection. We hope you are blessed!

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!

We are grateful to live in a country that gives us so much freedom. Enjoy your holiday and pray for America.

NEXT WEEK

Pastor Bruce will be concluding the current series with a message about how we can use our words to purposefully bless people.

ONLINE GATHERINGS

Tuesday Prayer at 7:00pm

Wednesday Bible Study at 6:30pm

Go to the online meeting room on our website (hillcrestRoseville.com) to access the gathering.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Our offering box is in the back of the sanctuary. You can place your tithes and offerings there, or you can visit our website and give online (hillcrestroseville.com).

CHURCH PICNIC AUGUST 14th

Church in the park at Garbolino. The church will provide meat, buns, condiments, water, and paper products. Everyone else can bring a dish to share. It will be a blast.