Series: BELIEVE

Today: The Why and How of Prayer

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1. **Why We Pray**
2. Prayer invites God’s specific involvement.
3. Prayer prioritizes our relationship with God.
4. Prayer exercises our authority as children of God.
5. **Why We Don’t Pray**
6. We feel ashamed.
7. We feel unheard

***1 Thessalonians 5:17 (NLT)***

*Never stop praying.*

***Luke 18:1 (NLT)***

*One day Jesus told his disciples a story to show that they should always pray and never give up.*

1. We don’t know how.
2. **How We Pray - The Enduring Outline of Prayer**

***Matthew 6:5-13***

*5“And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. 6But 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. 7And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. 8Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.*

*9“This, then, is how you should pray:*

*“‘Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
10your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
    on earth as it is in heaven.  
11Give us today our daily bread.  
12And forgive us our debts,  
    as we also have forgiven our debtors.  
13And lead us not into temptation,  
    but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.’*

#1 Theme: Worship

#1 Truth: Prayer begins with praise

*Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,*

#2 Theme: Invitation

#2 Truth: Prayer invites His will to invade every place

*your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.*

#3 Theme: Provision

#3 Truth: God provides daily details

*Give us today our daily bread.*

#4 Theme: Forgiveness

#4 Truth: Choose to walk in an atmosphere of grace

*And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.*

#5 Theme: Supernatural Power

#5 Truth: Ask for God’s direction, protection and deliverance

*And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.*

#6 Theme: Declaring God’s Divine Right

#6 Truth: It’s God’s kingdom, power and glory – not mine

*For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.’*