

Keeping Company with God

THE WAY WEEK 10 | DAVE D'ANGELO

But he would withdraw to desolate places and pray.

Luke 5:16

We know we're supposed to pray, but deep down are we sure that it works?

- "Prayer is keeping company with God." - Father Clement
- "I pray because I can't help myself. I pray because I'm helpless. I pray because the need flows out of me all the time, waking and sleeping. It doesn't change God. It changes me." -C.S. Lewis
- Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know. **Jeremiah 33:3**
- He took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. **James 9:28**

→ Whatever you stare at, you steer toward.

Prayer is not a transaction to get something from God. It is an invitation to keep company with God.

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. 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.

Matthew 6:5-6

Sees: to pay attention, to consider, to face, to understand, to be oriented toward.

→ This is God's posture toward us when we pray.

Draw near to God and he will draw near to you. **James 4:8**

The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. **Psalms 145:18**

When prayer is about keeping company with God we receive:

1. Power

Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth.

James 5:17

- **Prayer brings power to the ways of Jesus.**

2. Peace

The Lord is at hand, do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made

known to God.

Philippians 4:6

- **Prayer reminds us that God is always with us and therefore we have nothing to fear.**

Start keeping company with God:

1. Set a time
2. Keep that time.
3. Make it about being with God, not getting from God.

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DOING WHAT JESUS DID