

PERMISSION to SPEAK FREELY.

PERMISSION TO SPEAK FREELY 2 :: *MAKING YOUR MINUTES COUNT* ::
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INTRODUCTION

Most of us have memorized it, but when was the last time we stopped to think about the words? What was Jesus trying to teach us through it? What are the insights to be gathered from this very familiar passage of Scripture? Together we will walk through the Lord's Prayer in Matthew 6:9-13, and see if it changes our perspective on prayer.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What are the ways that we treat prayer like a lucky charm? When have you been guilty of doing this?
2. Have you experienced prayer that was remarkably different than the typical offering up of quick requests? What seemed to be different?
3. Read Matthew 6:9. Why should you start your prayers declaring God's greatness?
4. Read Matthew 6:10. Why is it important in your prayers to surrender your will to God?
5. What prevents you from praying "Your will be done" with sincerity?
6. How would your week be different if you took time each day to surrender your will to God?
7. Read Matthew 6:11-13. Why should you declare your dependence on God for provision, pardon, and protection? Why does this need to be last?

THINK ABOUT IT

In light of Jesus' instructions on prayer in Matthew 6:9-13, how should your daily prayers change?

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

Pick a private place and a regular time for prayer. Pray each day this week. Declare His greatness. Surrender your will. Acknowledge your dependence.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one." Matthew 6:9-13

