

SERMON MESSAGE FOR MARCH 9/10, 2019

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PILGRIM
Prayer for the Journey
Ephesians 3:14-21 (p. 999)

"I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly." John 10:10b

Prayer is nothing more, nothing less, than an ongoing _____ and _____ with the Lord. (Romans 12:12; Ephesians 6:18; 1 Thess. 5:17; John 17:20-21)

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WHY?

- Sometimes we're just too _____.
- Sometimes we don't believe _____ or _____ (Psalm 77:7-11 MSG)
- Sometimes we just don't know _____. (Romans 8:26-27 TLB)
- Sometimes we just don't know _____ to believe.

HOW DO I TALK TO (CONVERSE) AND DRAW CLOSER (COMMUNE) WITH THE LORD IN PRAYER?

_____ (Psalm 46:10)

_____ (Ephesians 3:18; cf. Ephesians 1:18-23 & 2:1-18; Romans 8:21-22, 31-32, 38-39)

_____ (Matt. 7:7 Amp.; James 1:5-6 & 4:2b-3)

_____ (Ephesians 3:20-21)

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FROM MARCH 9/10, 2019 SERMON
DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR SERMON-BASED LIFE GROUPS

Personal preparation: Read the passage, review your outline, and think through the questions. With your group, watch the video blog together.

CONNECTING

1. What does your prayer life generally look like? When do you typically carve out time to pray? How successful are you at praying throughout your day? Etc.

GROWING

2. "Prayer is nothing more, nothing less, than an ongoing conversation and communion with the Lord." What is both attractive, and perhaps overwhelming/exhausting, about the commands in 1 Thess. 5:17 and Eph. 6:18 to pray without ceasing and to pray at all times in the Spirit?
3. Everything we do in the Christian life is easier than prayer." (Martyn Lloyd-Jones)
 - a. Have you found this to be true? How so, or not so?
 - b. Which of the "Why?" reasons listed in your Sermon Outline best describe your struggle to pray (assuming you struggle)? Are there other reasons that are not on this brief list which better capture your challenges? If so, what are they and why?
4. Which of the four "How do I?" points encourage you to be devoted to prayer (Rom 12:12) this week? Why? And in what areas of your prayer life?

SHARING

5. (From the Video Blog) Is your group satisfied with the amount of time you spend praying together? Why or why not? What changes might be needed?

Pilgrim Week 10 Memory Verse

"Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. Glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen."
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WHY?

- Sometimes we’re just too **exhausted**.
- Sometimes we don’t believe **He hears us** or **will even answer** (Psalm 77:7-11 MSG).
- Sometimes we just don’t know **what to say**. (Rom. 8:26-27 TLB).
- Sometimes we just don’t know **who or what** to believe.

How do I talk to (converse) and draw closer (commune) with the Lord in prayer?

Stop (Ps. 46:10)

Look and Listen (Eph. 3:18; cf. Eph. 1:18-23, 2:1-18; Rom. 8:21-22, 31-32, 38-39)

Ask (Matt. 7:7 [AMP]; James 1:5-6; 4:2b-3)

Trust (Eph. 3:20-21)
