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Lord, Teach Us to Pray

ABBA FATHER – Praying from Identity

Luke 11:1–2 (NLT)

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The issue is not how you pray—it is how you see the one you pray to—God.

Luke 11:1–2 (NLT)

"Once Jesus was in a certain place praying. As he finished, one of his disciples came to him and said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' Jesus said, 'This is how you should pray: Father, may your name be kept holy. May your Kingdom come soon.'"

Point I
Prayer doesn't begin with your needs. It begins with who God is.

Galatians 4:6 — "But when the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law. God sent him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that he could adopt us as his very own children. And because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, prompting us to call out, *'Abba, Father*.' Now you are no longer a slave but God's own child. And since you are his child, God has made you his heir."

Point II

Prayer begins with relationship… not performance.

You relate to God based on your experience instead of His truth.

Hebrews 4:16 (NLT)

“So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.”

Point III
Prayer aligns your heart with God’s will.

Leviticus 22:32 (NLT)

“Do not bring shame on my holy name, for I will display my holiness among the people of Israel. I am the LORD who makes you holy. It was I who rescued you from the land of Egypt, that I might be your God. I am the LORD.”

Ezekiel 36:22–23 (NLT)

“Therefore, give the people of Israel this message from the Sovereign LORD: I am bringing you back, but not because you deserve it. I am doing it to protect my holy name, on which you brought shame while you were scattered among the nations. I will show how holy my great name is—the name on which you brought shame among the nations. And when I reveal my holiness through you before their very eyes, says the Sovereign LORD, then the nations will know that I am the LORD.”

Ezekiel 39:7 (NLT)

“In this way, I will make known my holy name among my people of Israel. I will not let anyone bring shame on it. And the nations, too, will know that I am the LORD, the Holy One of Israel.”

Prayer is not presenting your will—it is surrendering to His.

It’s not about convincing God to move in your direction. It’s about allowing Him to shape yours