

Prayer: Adoration
Week 2 of Praying through A.C.T.S.
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Good morning/welcome/intro

This is week two of our series on prayer—and if you weren't here last week we tackled the key and starter question of “why pray at all?”

This is the question that comes up over and over again as you talk to people about prayer, especially given the fact that EVERYONE experiences disappointment in prayer

EVERYONE at some point DOESN'T get what they wanted to get

And sometimes those things don't make any sense to us, right? It's the prayer for that kid to get better, for me to find a job so I can pay the bills and support my family

All this disappointment with prayer can get us to the point where we just don't even want to bother with it at all or if we do, we don't really bother to ask for anything too specific, just stay safe and general

So last week we kicked off this series addressing this key question of why pray at all, especially in the midst of all this pain and disappointment

And if that's you, if you feel kind of stuck there and you missed last week, you should go to the web site and watch, listen, or read the message from last week

This morning, we're going to start with a little cooking analogy—Thanksgiving is coming up and Thanksgiving is the celebration of 3 of my favorite things: food, football and family, some years in that order!

But the food is really front-and-center on Thanksgiving day, which means that we're all deeply indebted to the cooks among us—how many of you would say that you love to cook?

Now I'm not much of a cook, but as much as I love food, I have a deep appreciation for those of you who have this gift!

And in my life and in my extended family there are some very gifted cooks and what I've noticed is that they tend to come in two big categories

First are the cookbook cooks. These people like clear recipes, clear directions, can follow them to a T and love to go out find new recipes all the time to try.

Cookbook cooks love recipes and maybe once they've gotten the recipe they might experiment a bit with different ingredients or additions or subtractions

But to start with, they want a good recipe to follow, kind of like a scaffolding that guarantees at least a solid outcome, even if they then build on it later

But another type of cook that I know would rather just be dropped into a well-stocked kitchen, have a clear task or event to cook for

And then kind of freestyle their way through the process

They can make something from scratch with a high degree of intuition and creativity and they don't need a whole lot of direction and instruction or structure to it

In fact, if they were given a recipe to follow they might glance it over once but after that they wouldn't pay too much attention to it

And if they were FORCED to follow the recipe exactly as it was written, they might go stark raving mad!!

Some of us don't cook at all, others of us cook but we need the recipe, others of us cook and don't want the recipe

And the same thing is true in our approaches to prayer!

First off, some of you are like me when it comes to cooking: have no idea really what to do, not even sure I WANT to do it, not sure how any of this works, still wrestling with whether or not you believe any of this

Super-glad you're here, I want to invite you to engage with this along with us to see if you might not just get some answers to your questions

But so that you might actually EXPERIENCE the reality of God—one of my favorite Scriptures is "taste and see that the Lord is good!"

For some of you trying to decide if Jesus is real or for you, prayer will be the tasting and seeing experience you need to trust him and believe that he's real

Others of us are Christians, we're in the kitchen and ready to cook, ready to PRAY, but we need a prayer cook-book: clear structure, clear directions, just tell me what I need to be doing or how to do this.

Someone recently said to me, "I sure hope that you're going to be telling me what I need to be doing and how to do this prayer thing during this series!"

This isn't someone who's unintelligent, just someone who needs clear and specific directions to make sense out of prayer!

On the other hand another person told me her story of coming to faith around college-age and prayer was just a natural, spontaneous part of her journey that was rich and deep for her

And then someone gave her a prayer cook-book and said that prayer needed to follow these steps and she told me that the structure suffocated her and ruined her wonderful prayer life!

Now maybe you're a cookbook person, and you're hoping for clear step-by-step instructions

OR maybe you're a highly intuitive prayer person and you're just wanting space and encouragement to dream and worship and pray

You're both in here and I love you both and I'm wanting to help you both in this series.

In order to do that, we're going to attempt to do both in this series.

What I'm going to do here on Sunday mornings in my messages is to give you what is hopefully a clear, simple framework and scaffolding for those of you who need the cookbook

For those of you who are highly intuitive pray-ers, I want to encourage you to engage with this with us because I think that there's some stuff here for you to learn

Actually, I'm on this end of things and here's what I find for those of us who are highly intuitive prayer folks:

we end up praying in ways that are comfortable and easy for us and sometimes end up neglecting other elements of prayer that are important

So I think that this framework will be beneficial for you, too, but as we walk through this, please hear me:

I think of this as a framework and do not think that every person needs to do every element of prayer every day all the time

In other words, as we talk through four elements of prayer over the next four weeks, feel free to just use one or two or three of them on any given day or in any given week

But a healthy and vibrant prayer life will include aspects of all four of these over the course of a given week or month.

We're also going to invite everyone into some prayer experiences that might invite us into a more creative and less structured space

We've already started with the prayer room and the prayer note-cards, the response to those was incredible last week

In a couple of weeks we're going to offer a space during the time of musical worship where there will be a couple of stations with art supplies and opportunities for you to pray and respond in worship in ways that are free and expressive and creative

And two weeks after Thanksgiving, on Saturday, December 13th in the morning we're going to kick-off a 24-hour prayer event at our church office spaces

We'll deck out a room or two in the office space with all sorts of creative opportunities and ways for you to engage in prayer for our county, for our church, for yourself, and for the world

Last week we looked at a passage in Revelation with a picture of heaven that included these big golden bowls full of the prayers of God's people that were then poured back out onto the earth to be a part of God's purposes

We're going to fill the bowl over Chatham County on December 13th and do so with plenty of room for creativity and expressiveness for 24-hours

And we're going to invite and challenge EVERYONE to sign up for just a one-hour and then of course we'll close out here on Sunday morning with our worship service

So we're going to talk about the cookbook on Sunday mornings to make sure that everyone has a helpful framework for how to pray and what to pray and then we're going to give everyone opportunities to find creative ways to take that framework and express prayer in ways that fit within the personalities that God has given each of us

With that as a framework, let me introduce you to a simple outline that I was introduced to many years ago that helped me to at least get started in the life of prayer

And I hope will help many of you as well who need some specific guidance and that framework is simply A-C-T-S

That's not the book of Acts in the Bible, but it's an acronym that simply stands for 4 parts of prayer:

Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication

Adoration is worship, praising God for who he is

Confession is acknowledging our sin and wrong-doing before God and asking forgiveness

Thanksgiving is not just when we eat turkey and pass out in front of the football game but giving thanks for all the ways that the Lord has provided for us and blessed us

And Supplication is going to bat and asking for God to do things both for us and for the people and in the situations around us

These four elements in our prayer lives over the long-haul, in a healthy mix and balance give us the healthy and vibrant mix that we need to have a healthy life and rhythms in prayer

We're going to tackle one of these a week for the next four weeks and today we're going to take just the first one: Adoration

And it's this first element of this acronym that got called into question several weeks ago on the soccer sideline by another parent

There's a dad on my son's team who I really enjoy and we've talked a lot about all kinds of things, including spiritual things

he calls himself an eclectic Episcopalian, with some church background that he occasionally draws on but he's not particularly religious in any sense

And he was pushing me some with questions about prayer, especially this whole Adoration and worship part of it—why does God need me to tell him how great he is?

Basically, is God like some insecure middle-schooler who needs to be propped up constantly by the people underneath him stroking his ego?

Now you might not have this particular question or objection, but I think it's a reasonable question and it provides for us a good launching off place this morning

Last week we asked the question "why pray" and this week I want to start with the question given that prayer changes us and prayer changes things, still "why praise?"

And to help us answer that question, we're going to go to a book in the Bible that's full of prayers and full of praises, we're going to the Psalms

If you're not familiar with the Bible, the book of Psalms is full of prayers and songs and many of them don't do anything more than worship how great God is

So let's take a look at some excerpts of one Psalm written by a guy named David who lived about a thousand years before Jesus

In Psalm 145 David writes this—look for the reasons HE gives to answer the question “why praise?”

***1 I will exalt you, my God the King;
I will praise your name for ever and ever.***

***2 Every day I will praise you
and extol your name for ever and ever.***

***3 Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;
his greatness no one can fathom.***

[read this part together:]

***4 One generation commends your works to another;
they tell of your mighty acts.***

***5 They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty—
and I will meditate on your wonderful works. [L]***

***6 They tell of the power of your awesome works—
and I will proclaim your great deeds.***

***7 They celebrate your abundant goodness
and joyfully sing of your righteousness.***

***8 The LORD is gracious and compassionate,
slow to anger and rich in love.***

***9 The LORD is good to all;
he has compassion on all he has made....***

***13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures through all generations.***

***The LORD is trustworthy in all he promises
and faithful in all he does....***

***17 The LORD is righteous in all his ways
and faithful in all he does.***

***18 The LORD is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.***

***19 He fulfills the desires of those who fear him;
he hears their cry and saves them.***

Okay, so did you catch any reasons to praise God in this passage?

David kicks it off in the first few verses with this overture that sets the tone for what he's going to do in this passage:

***³ Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;
his greatness no one can fathom.***

The first thing he does is he praises God and then he starts to list all his reasons WHY he praises God

And his thesis statement is simply that he is great and WORTHY of praise—the word “worship” is rooted in the idea of lifting up what is WORTHY to be lifted up

The word “worship” is a contraction of worth-ship—that is, to name what is worthy and to extol or lift up and make that central
or identify what is most valuable and make sure that the main thing remains the main thing!

As David writes this Psalm, he just rattles off characteristic after characteristic of who God is— Did you catch all the words that simply describe who God is, what his character is like?

[click through passages on screen and circle all the words that describe God's character in this passage]

Now IF all of these descriptions are true—if this is an accurate picture of who God is, of what his nature and character is, then here's what I want to propose to you:

The only sane thing is to enthrone this God as the most valuable, ultimate, supreme thing in our lives and in the cosmos
and immediately abandon every other competing allegiance and pour our lives into worshipping and living for this God
because nothing else makes such audacious claims and delivers on them so consistently.

If this is TRUE, if this is who this God is, then the only sane thing to do is to worship THIS God

See, here's the irony with my soccer dad friend and here's one of the things that I love about him

He is the most EFFUSIVE parent on the sideline and one of the quickest to celebrate something awesome that the kids do

And not just his own kids—whenever ANY kid does anything really well, he's the first to name it and celebrate it!

Someone will score an incredible goal and he'll come over to me and give me a high five and say, "Did you see that shot!?! That was incredible! That was awesome!"

Now, not all of us are effusive in our personalities, some of you are very contained and proper and not about to go crazy over a bunch of 10-year-olds playing soccer

But I want to suggest to you that everyone has an arena or area where they appreciate greatness:

art, music, wood-working, farming, writing, acting, athletics, a craft or a discipline or an area where you know greatness and celebrate it in your own way whenever you experience it or see it

And the reality is that when we see or experience greatness that resonates with us in some deep part of us

in all of us it elicits and calls forth this thing we're calling adoration and worship, however you might express it

See, God does not need us to worship him in order to feel good about himself.

We must worship him because we were made to worship!

And if we do not worship him we will stop our worship at something lesser and in the end we will become lesser people because of it

You and I have been given a praise and adoration impulse that was made to draw us into the greatness and goodness of God

We are invited to climb the ladder of praise all the way to the top to get to the God who made and created and loved all of the things that we celebrate in our daily lives into existence

And if we're on the ladder of praise and adoration and we STOP at praising a beautiful painting or a bountiful and well-tended garden or a well-built house or a great athletic play

Then we've stopped too soon and we have not yet reached the full and appointed consummation of the impulse we've been given to praise and worship.

[PULL OUT THE LADDER AND SET IT UP]

So it's like we've got this ladder and at the top of this ladder is the fulfillment and final completion and purpose for our worship impulse

It's like you're starving and up here at the top is your favorite meal, whatever it is: a big steak, a tofu burger, or something really fancy like a McDonald's Happy Meal

And all along these steps is lesser food, stuff that you like okay, but it's not filling

it doesn't actually satisfy for long, and it's not nearly the quality of what's waiting for you up at the top

It's GOOD, but it's not what you were finally, ultimately made to really want to eat

Whenever you and I stop at what we naturally and easily praise here on this earth, it's like we're taking a step or two up, eating something smaller, and settling there.

But what's waiting for us at the top is the final and full completion of that worship hunger impulse that we all have!

And so the call to all of us is to climb on up the ladder past what we naturally praise already to the God who is the source and the completion of everything you naturally already praise

Do you praise work well done like art or music or woodworking or building?

God is the source of that, the one who made us to work
and God is the ultimate and perfect craftsman, creating with exquisite perfection and infinite variety and creativity

We're invited to climb the ladder of our praise of good work to praising the God who never stops working and all his works are perfect

Do you easily praise athletics and achievements? God is the one who makes the human body and gives us all gifts and skills
AND he's the one who puts on flesh and runs the perfect race, he builds a team from a bunch of late-round draft picks
and after he completes his part of the game perfectly that team then turns around and literally changes the entire world

Whatever we naturally praise, the invitation is to press further up and further in to the God who is the completion of whatever it is we naturally praise and the source of whatever it is we naturally praise

So the question really isn't "why praise?" Everyone's going to praise something
the legitimate question is "why praise God when there are so many other things that we so naturally and easily praise?"

And the Scripture's answer to that is that God is the source and fulfillment of anything and everything else we might ever praise.

Two ways to approach this and grow in Adoration as a part of your prayer life:
cultivate imagination and ***engage in the discipline***

Praise and adoration comes spontaneously from us when we see or experience something that we understand and appreciate in ways that resonate deep inside of us

I watch someone make an impossible catch in a football game and I'm awestruck and I shout "that's amazing!"

But my cousin who doesn't watch football or care about it can watch the same catch and shrug

Now, that same cousin teaches high school band—that's a job that I would not wish on my worst enemy!

She can describe in exquisite detail and with a holy awe what some marching band pulled off at a competition

and I'm like "why in the world would you want be at the high school marching band competition in the first place?"

So we all have different grids or filters or triggers in us that activate that spontaneous worship instinct or impulse

And at some point, in order to climb the ladder of praise and worship from what we naturally respond to here on this earth that we can see or hear or touch

We have to cultivate holy imagination—ask God to help us to see him as he truly is, just like the Psalmist does here

And the people who I know who have the deepest and richest lives of praise and adoration have engaged with God in deliberate ways

to cultivate holy imagination and deeper understanding of who God is in ways that have opened up praise and led to praise

I've known academics and scientists—people who were primarily cognitive and who led with their brains

who have studied and studied and studied the characteristics of God, dug deep into theology and enlarged their understanding of God

And in doing so, they enlarged their comprehension and apprehension and imagination to grasp the greatness and unfathomableness of the God of the universe

And from that place of enlarged understanding and imagination, they entered into worship that was both full of truth and full of wonder and gratitude and celebration

This week, if you're a head-first kind of a person, can you begin to engage with and think about the incredible reality that God is eternal and infinite?

No beginning and no ending, he holds the entire cosmos on the tip of his finger, and yet he stoops down to meet with you here this morning?

This week if you're a head-first person, can you think about and engage with the reality that God is omniscient, he knows all things
omni-present, always with every person at every moment,
and omnipotent, all powerful over all things?

Can you begin to consider and think about the dizzying fact that if the whole Christian story is true, then that God put on flesh, lived for 33 years in the middle east 2,000 years ago

And died to take your sin and mine on himself, and then rose again from the dead to reconcile us to himself, to restore justice and rightness to the universe

This week, if you're a head-first person, I want to invite you into the raw data, the sheer overwhelming fact of God—that God is and that God is great beyond our greatest comprehension and understanding

And yet we can begin to understand enough that it draws forth out of us the real praise and adoration that is appropriate for the greatest entity in the cosmos

Head-first folks, I'm going to invite you to step in and study this week and to let that the study of God expand your imagination and elicit and evoke in you and from you adoration and worship

And on the other hand, if you're a heart person, I want to invite you to feel the wonder of God

For thinkers, worship is often cognitive and based on what they understand to be true about who God is

For feelers, the keys to unlocking worship is often *contemplation* and *meditation*.

[I will meditate on your wonderful works]

When David says here in Psalm 147 that he *meditates* on the wonderful works of God,

he's not running analytics on them, he's not doing a SWOT analysis on the wonderful works of God

He's simply pondering them over and over and over again, growing ever more fond, ever more amazed, ever more delighted and awed by God's wonderful works

The feeler often starts in the place where they have met or experienced God's love or grace personally

and in gratitude and praise, they just meditate, think about, wonder at the faithfulness and goodness of God

And they climb the ladder of the gifts of God that they've personally experienced up past those gifts and further up to praise the giver who gave the good gifts in the first place

"God, this sunset is beautiful, I praise you as the author and creator of all sunsets."

"God, you have delivered me from this terrible situation, I praise you as the one who delivers his people and saves people over and over and over again—you are a mighty and faithful savior of your people "

I want to invite you into the consideration and meditation of the sacrifice of Jesus as the ultimate gift given from the one who is all love

The homework to cultivate imagination if you're a feeler and you lead with your heart

is to *meditate* and *contemplate*—consider over and over the things of God that you perhaps have already appreciated and are grateful for

And then climb the ladder and lead your heart up past the places of gratitude for God's gifts to the place where you can praise the giver

For all of us, the hope is that we might come to a place where our imaginations are enlarged and tuned into the wonder of who God is

That our imaginations might be enlarged enough that we might spontaneously overflow into worship just because we GET IT—we recognize the beauty and wonder of God

But that takes time, doesn't it? This enlarging the imagination is an inside-out work and it's not a quick-fix or quick-change

But that doesn't excuse us from adoration and worship in prayer. Because we were made to worship something, everyone of us, and if we aren't currently worshipping God then we're going to worship something much lesser

And there's a core principle expressed throughout Scripture that comes into play here that we have to engage with: we become like whatever we worship.

We become like what we worship. Whatever we fix our eyes on and establish as the most important thing in our lives is what our hearts and minds and souls become wrapped around

And so the reality is that most of us have some work to do to enlarge our imaginations to engage with the wonder of God and to have worship spontaneously pour out of us

But in the mean time, we can't wait for that work to happen--we need to be worshipping the right things right now because every day we're not we're worshipping the wrong things

And every day we do that we waste a day forming our hearts and minds and imaginations around lower and lesser things

So we need to dig in a bit and not only do the work of enlarging our imaginations but also *engage in the discipline*.

That is, we need to praise and express adoration in a disciplined, consistent way over the course of our days and over the course of our lives
regardless of what we feel or what we understand right now

Because the discipline of engaging in adoration and praise even when we don't feel it or fully understand it yet is one of the ways that we GET to that place of full engagement and understanding

At one point in the past couple of years I was stuck in a prayer slump and a prayer rut—in this particular case I was in rut of complaining and whining

My prayer journal was filled mostly with me frustrated at God for not doing what I wanted him to do and complaining and pleading with him to do something about the stuff I was frustrated with

And it got to the point where I was sure God was tired of hearing it because I was getting tired of it myself!

So I decided one morning to put a pause on my whine-fest for one day and just praise. I was just going to worship: celebrate who God is, worship him, and get out of myself and my pitiful problems

And so I sat down in my journal, apologized first for the previous few days pages where I was stuck inside myself and my own head

And I worshipped, praised, named him for who he was—I just sort of basked in the bigness of God and his grace and love and power and mercy and goodness

Sometimes what I'll do when I'm doing that is I'll take a passage like the Psalm we read together

and I'll read or right one sentence down or a phrase or image and then build on it, swapping out words, developing images, talking about ways I've experienced that thing in my own life

So for example: in the Psalm we read today it says "the Lord is gracious and compassionate"

You know what? I've experienced that myself!

Yes, Lord, you ARE gracious and compassionate, I agree! it is who you are and who you have been to me!

I praise you for your graciousness, your compassion; you are patient, you are loving, you are kind;

your character, your essence is gracious and compassionate, who else would put up with me like you do? I praise you for being a gracious, compassionate, kind, patient, loving, God!

The Scriptures are a great help in the work of praise and adoration, giving us a framework that we can then build off of

And here's what happened as I did that for five, ten, fifteen minutes: my problems were re-sized

they were stacked up against the infinite goodness and power of God and in light of who God is the volume on my problems and concerns and complaints got turned way down.

A couple of them disappeared completely, OTHERS DIDN'T, they were legitimate and real issues and they mattered and they needed to be dealt with

But praising God helped me to see what was fluff and what actually mattered

And the stuff that actually mattered was going to be dealt with in the power of an almighty, gracious, all-powerful, loving God who was for me and with me

My problems did not overwhelm me any more because GOD did. God was the one who was the true overwhelming reality and presence in my life.

Last week, we kicked off our prayer series inviting you to let us carry whatever burdens you were carrying into the morning by writing them on a notecard so we could pray for you

And we opened up the prayer room.

And we had no idea if anyone would take us up on either one of those offers, we were moderately hopeful, but not sure what the response would be

But what happened last week was that we cracked open the door a bit and a whole torrent of needs, worries, fears, anxieties, and situations came flooding to the surface—all the pain and worries and hopes of the people sitting in this room

And we were both thrilled at the response and sobered by how much stuff we've got here in this room on any given Sunday morning.

My friends, we're so glad to pray for you and with you, I hope that you'll take us up on all our offers to pray for you during this series and beyond

But one thing that all of us need when we're battling with all the various things that we're battling here in this room

We need to know 1. that we're not alone and that the pain and difficulty and stress and anxiety and 2. That the threats do NOT have the last word and are NOT the defining power or the most significant thing happening in our lives

Adoration re-orientes the universe of our lives around the almighty Light of the Universe and keeps us from building our lives around our problems

Our problems scream at us and demand to be taken seriously—and they matter, and some of the situations you're in are life-altering and challenging

Our problems matter, but God matters more;
our pain is real but grace is more real, love is more real, the power of God is bigger than the power of sin, and pain and even death

Whatever you wrote on that notecard today, the most important thing you need to know is that that pain does not have the last word on you or your life—the Lord does

Adoration and praise helps to root us in that reality.

And so while we're working on the heart change and the inside-out process of enlarging our imaginations and growing our understanding of who God is

We must also engage the simple outward discipline of adoration and praise.

Because speaking what is true and working towards it helps us to re-size our problems, it keeps us from worshipping the wrong things

And it can help us to meet in the middle while we're working on the inside-out process of enlarging our imaginations

Prayer Physical Training for Adoration This Week:

1. Climb the ladder of your natural praise.

- a. Where does praise come naturally for you? (sports, music, X-box, nature, business, etc)?
 - b. Consider: how is God the completion or fulfillment or source of that praise?
 - c. How might you climb the ladder of your praise to reach all the way to the purpose and point of it all?
2. Enlarge your imagination
- a. Thinkers through study of God's characteristics—suggestion: www.biblegateway.com/topical half-way down click on dictionary of Bible Themes and you've got HUNDREDS of very short articles on every aspect of God, Jesus, Holy Spirit, being God's people, end times, and on and on—knock yourself out.
 - b. Feelers through meditation, contemplation—where have you already felt and experienced the goodness and wonder and greatness of God? Meditate, consider, contemplate the great things he has done, and then move on up the ladder from the gift to the infinitely wonderful character of the one who gives such good gifts.
3. Engage in the discipline
- a. Find ten focused minutes you can give 3-7 times this week
 - b. Take Psalm 147—each day pick one chunk of it, one or two or three sentences—and pray it back to God, adding your own words, building off of it.
 - c. Suggestion: write it out.

I did a little survey a couple of weeks ago sent out to everyone in small groups to ask them about their prayer experiences and difficulties. There were two things that came out of that that I think are related to one another

First, I asked what was hardest about prayer and the SURVEY SAYS! I get distracted-- we get distracted, right? We all get distracted in prayer, we start praying, everyone suddenly has A.D.D, maybe we should just pass out Ritalin every Sunday to help everyone to focus a little bit

So everyone gets distracted, that was one finding, here was the other finding—when I asked what modes or parts of prayer were hardest for people to engage with—like fasting, praying the Scriptures, etc. journaling was one of the things people do the least. So we don't have many journalers in this crowd, which would be fine except all of us are struggling to focus

So let me here humbly suggest that there might be a correlation here! between I can't stay focused and I don't journal—journaling helps tremendously with slowing down and focusing

Prayers-on-the-go throughout the day are great—keep those up, don't stop that;

But if that's all we're doing and never doing a deeper, more deliberate engagement, then there are whole undiscovered continents to prayer that you've never known

Journaling is one way that you can engage in a deeper, more deliberate life of prayer that

- d. Lastly, if you're an app person: Prayer Prompter—free app that Michelle found last week that you can download give you Scriptures that uses this same ACTS acronym we're using in this series

My friends, the good news is that there is a God who is bigger than ourselves, bigger than our problems, bigger than all our other lesser gods that we attempt to build our lives around

This morning, if you need help to get a hold of that, prayer ministers in the back during these last two songs, as we close out our time together this morning they'll be back there and will be glad to pray for you and with you

OR if you prefer, the prayer room will be open after the service and will be glad to receive you and pray for you, whatever you need.

PRAY

Benediction: New folks, see me! Remind folks about prayer room as dismiss.