

Breaking The Barriers...Hearing from the Heart

Matt. 6:5-15

How do we break through to deeper intimacy, clarity, and connection with God?

NEEDS

- 1) Trust
- 2) Childlikeness
- 3) Submission
- 4) Deliverance

Prayer is presenting and perceiving - presenting ourselves and perceiving Him and His will - it's a dialogue, not a monologue.

The Father is in SECRET...And your Father who sees in SECRET, He will reward you for coming ON HIS TERMS

1) Trust - :7-:8

Coming to the Father with restraint on our tongue is critical...We should spend our time declaring His greatness, not our problems.

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“Do not be quick with your mouth, do not be hasty in your heart to utter anything before God. God is in heaven and you are on earth, so let your words be few.” Ecc. 5:2

“Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.” Heb. 4:16

2 Tim. 2:24 The servant of the Lord must not strive...(or be quarrelsome)...We can tend to be quarrelsome with God when He isn't doing what we think He should

Striving is seeking through my own ideas, thoughts, routines, disciplines, or ways to earn the favor of God, the response of God, or the attention of God

The spirit must rule the soul in prayer...in life...but especially in prayer.

2) Childlikeness - :9

John 20:17 - “my Father and your Father”...this is the next hurdle in our prayer life that must be overcome

The ability to hear God more clearly comes from a revelation of his kindness, not correction. It comes from an overflow of his Goodness, not ours

Ex. 34:6-7

6 And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, “The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, 7 maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin.

The key to relating to Him as Father is Psalm 131

We must come as a weaned child...not a whining child...weaned off milk

If you want to grow your discernment as a child and be weaned off milk...here's the process...
Hebrews 5:11-14

3) Submission - :10

We need to surrender to His will, more specifically to His Way.

True submission isn't just obedience to His will, it's fully yielding to the manner in which He wants His will done...

Submission is Change. It's becoming like Him.

We must learn to embrace WEAKNESS as His Way in our lives...WEAKNESS is where His power is perfected

How do we engage the process of change through surrender and weakness...here we go...it's the next prayer we pray...

4) Deliverance - :11-:15

The real issue here isn't our forgiveness before God, it's our forgiveness of others before God...and the fact that there are ramifications in the spirit when unforgiveness is present in our lives.

Jesus places our need and request for food in the same breath as deliverance from evil.

10 Anyone you forgive, I also forgive. And what I have forgiven—if there was anything to forgive—I have forgiven in the sight of Christ for your sake, 11 in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes. 2 Cor. 2:10-11

We must not be ignorant of the enemies schemes in regards to forgiveness

He subtly replaces the voice of God with a voice of legalism, striving, correction. He will even twist Scripture to get you feeling the rightful shame you think you should.

We have the opportunity to sin, but no more obligation...but that's not even where we need the most deliverance, we need deliverance from the lie that we can't trust God, that He doesn't love us as His child, that we should hold back and not surrender everything, or that we should hold onto our offenses and not forgive...

Deliverance is the battle cry of our hearts to God

1 Samuel 7:10-14 Samuel raised up an Ebenezer..."stone of help" - to the deliverance of God...