

**“The Most Adventurous Prayer Ever Made”**  
*(Lord, make me more -like You)*

**I.** Jesus existed before His birth to Mary (**Colossians 1:12-20**)

**II.** We are not like Him by nature (**Romans 8:1-18**)

**III.** Some things I have learned about myself

I hate people who hate me  
I hated Jesus  
So He came... and proved His **love** for me  
Knowing that I would kill Him  
So that I could have His love Him and give love to those who hate me

I cause sorrow for those who cause sorrow for me  
I caused Jesus great sorrow  
So He came... and brought me **joy**  
Knowing that I would make Him suffer  
So that I could have His joy and bring joy to those who cause me sorrow

I go to war with those who steal my peace  
I stole Jesus' peace  
So He came... and gave me **peace**  
Knowing that I would crucify Him  
So that I could have His peace and make peace with those who steal my peace

I refuse to restrain myself when others offend me  
I offended Jesus  
So He came... and practiced **longsuffering** toward me  
Knowing that I would beat Him without restraint  
So that I could have His longsuffering and suffer long with those who offend me

I want to be harsh with those who are spiritually weak  
I am spiritually feeble compared to Jesus  
So He came... and was **gentle** with me  
Knowing that I would cause violence upon Him  
So that I could have His gentleness and become gentle with those who are spiritually weak

I do not want to be good to those who are mean to me  
I was wicked and vicious toward Jesus  
So He came... and was **good** to me  
Knowing that I would be mean to him  
So that I could have His goodness and learn to be good to those who are mean to me

I want everyone to do things my way  
I didn't want to do anything Jesus' way  
So He came... to teach me His system of **Faith**  
Knowing that I would reject Him  
So that I could learn His ways and teach His ways

I want to take vengeance on the stiff-necked & stubborn  
I am stiff-necked & stubborn toward Jesus  
So He came... in **meekness**, humbling Himself as a man  
Knowing that I would be spiteful toward Him  
So that I could learn meekness and to humble myself before other men

I want to dominate everyone and to be dominated by no one  
I do not want to control myself  
So He came... God **controlling** Himself to death in the flesh  
Knowing that I would still try to dominate Him  
So that He could take control of me, teach me self-control, and use my life, to set others free

**Conclusion: The Most Dangerous Prayer You Will Ever Make** *(Lord, make me more -like You)*