


## Prayer and Praying Day Two

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## Part Five: Praying in the public space

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### Prayer and Praying - Public

- Who is this for? / what is its purpose?
- The element of 'theatre' in the church
- The place of community
  - Exhortation / Encouragement
  - Comfort
  - Affirmation
  - Blessing
- But...




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### Prayer and Praying - Public

**1 Peter 2: 16-17**  
Live in freedom, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as servants of God. Treat everyone with high regard: Love the brotherhood of believers, fear God, honour the king.

*"In an effort to be non-religious, we are in danger of becoming unspiritual"*




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### Prayer and Praying

Horizontal praying:

- Giving information
- Staking territory
- Preaching
- Correcting others
- Directing others
- Gaining sympathy
- Entertaining



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### Prayer and Praying

Praying when others are listening - giving information with integrity

**John 11: 40-44**

- Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. .I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go."

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### Prayer and Praying - John 17

**Jesus Prays to Be Glorified**  
1 After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you.

**Jesus Prays for His Disciples**  
6 "I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word.

**Jesus Prays for All Believers**  
20 "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message,


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### Prayer and Praying

Praying when others are listening:

- Delineate between the public and the private
- Distinguish between the holy and the common - Ezek 22:26
- Decide who I really am talking to
- Determine who needs to know what
- If in doubt explain first, then pray
- Keep my language appropriate
- Don't abuse the moment



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## Part Six: A new vocabulary in prayer

### Prayer and Praying

Words give expression to our thoughts and feelings

- Gen 1 - Creative word
- Luke 3 - Father's voice
- Scripture:
  - feeds our faith
  - fuels our prayers
  - frames our journey



### Prayer and Praying

We learn that words give expression:

- Modelling
- Methodology
- Mentors
- Revelation



### Prayer and Praying

- Language
- Love
- Liturgy
- Liberty
- Lament
- Longing
- Law



### Prayer and Praying

- Thanksgiving Phil 2 / Ps 50
- Praying the Scripture
- Praying the provision not the problem - Phil 4
- Blessing what God is already doing
- Keeping it real
- Making it personal
- Changing position / location
- Refresh your habits

### Prayer and Praying

- God is at work even before I pray
- I thank God that He is already present and active
- I agree with His good perfect and acceptable will
- I pray the provision not the need
- I pray the 'resource' scriptures
- I do not need to ask that He will be glorified in it - He already is!
- I don't remind God of what he already is and knows
- I let 'joy' sustain my praying not guilt or grief

## Part Seven: Praying for/with others

**“In any ministry in Jesus’ name, people are seeking connection with God...moments of transcendence and immanence...and they are hoping that you as a servant of God...minister/pray-er...will be a means of them touching God’s grace and heaven’s help.”**

### Prayer and Praying - for others

- Immanence
- Transcendence
- Presence
- Revelation
- Blessing
- Authenticity



## A MODEL FOR PRAYER MINISTRY



### What 'on earth' are we doing?

- Your kingdom come, your will be (being) done
- Heaven touching earth
- 'Binding and Loosing' – rabbinical motif
- Impartation not suggestion
- Whole person
- Midwifery not policing!



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## A MODEL FOR PRAYER MINISTRY



### What 'on earth' are we not doing?

- Not 'counselling' – unless you are!
- Making suggestions
- Correcting their mistakes
- Giving our opinion
- Controlling people
- Bonding people to ourselves or our ministry



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## A MODEL FOR PRAYER MINISTRY



### Step One - Interview

- Start with focusing on the Presence of God
- Ask the person's name and remember it
- Ask the question: 'What do you need Jesus to do for you?' (Mark 10:51) - why?
  - How can we pray for you? / Don't ask! moments
- Be still and wait



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## A MODEL FOR PRAYER MINISTRY



### Step Two – Prayer / Connecting with God

- Ask the Holy Spirit 'how should I pray?'
- Ask the Holy Spirit 'increase your presence here'.
- Pray in the dual priestly role on behalf of the person
- Laying on of hands (Mark 16:18) - always ask permission especially if you do not know the person



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### Step Three – Assessment What is happening? - Mk 8:23

- Observe the person (pray with your eyes open!)
- Ask the person 'What is happening? What is God saying to you?'
- Continue to listen to the Holy Spirit - keep alert to God in the second phase of prayer



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## A MODEL FOR PRAYER MINISTRY



### Step Four - Follow up: Conclusion Jn 5:14

- Has the Holy Spirit finished his work in this encounter?
- Is the person indicating that the ministry is over?
- Affirm the person – end with blessing / revelation of Jesus
- Encourage further ministry options, if appropriate.



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## Prayer and Praying - the gift of faith



- All prayer has the element of faith - Hebrews 11:6
- But this is different 1 Cor 12:9
- Not salvation faith
- Ministry gift
  - Passivity
  - Presumption
  - (un)Predictability
- Jehovah Sabaoth - 1 Sam 1:11



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## Prayer and Praying - prayer of faith



- **James 5** - praying out of the office
  - will raise
  - confession of sin
- **1 Kings 17** - praying the word of God
  - Elijah / Ahab - no rains / God reigns
  - Jericho gates



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## Prayer and Praying



- **The Healing after the Transfiguration story - (Matt 9: 14 - 29)**
- This is the prayer and fasting story (v29)
- v14-16: public contention 1
- v17-18: the need
- v19: dealing with unbelief
- v20: contention 2
- v21-22: interview
- v23-24: building faith
- v25a: dealing with the public dimension
- v25b-27: healing/deliverance
- v28-29: private debrief with the disciples

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# Part Eight: 3 key prayers of the Bible

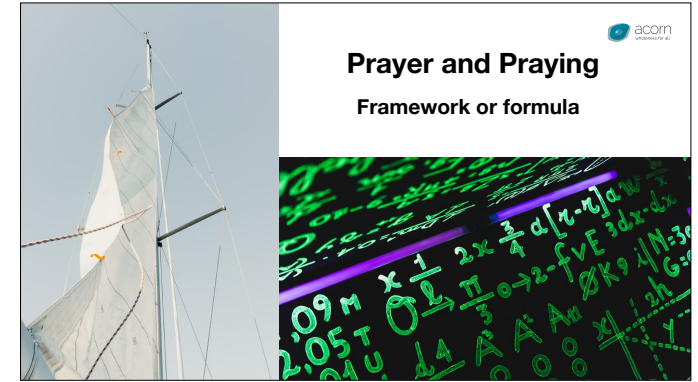
## Prayer and Praying

### 3 prayer moments in Scripture

- The Disciple's Prayer - Matthew 6
- The Lord's Prayer - Gethsemane
- Jabez' Prayer - 1 Chronicles 4

## Prayer and Praying

### Framework or formula



## Prayer and Praying

- The Disciple's Prayer - Matthew 6

**9** "This, then, is how you should pray: " 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, **10** your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. **11** Give us today our daily bread. **12** And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. **13** And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.' **14** For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. **15** But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

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- The Lord's Prayer - Matthew 26

**36** Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." **37** He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. **38** Then he said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me." **39** Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will."

## Prayer and Praying

- Jabez' Prayer - 1 Chronicles 4

**9** Jabez was more honourable than his brothers. His mother had named him Jabez, saying, "I gave birth to him in pain." **10** Jabez cried out to the God of Israel, "Oh, that you would bless me and enlarge my territory! Let your hand be with me, and keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain." And God granted his request.

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