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Teach Us to Pray

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Today's Scripture: Luke 11:1-4

Now it came to pass, as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, that one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples."

²So He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Our Father in heaven,

Hallowed be Your name.

Your kingdom come.

Your will be done

On earth as it is in heaven.

³Give us day by day our daily bread.

⁴And forgive us our sins,

For we also forgive everyone who is indebted to us.

And do not lead us into temptation,

But deliver us from the evil one."

NOBODY LEARNS TO PRAY UNLESS THEY ARE SERIOUSLY SEEKING

- When Matthew records the Lord's Prayer, it is part of the Sermon on the Mount, Matthew 6:9-13
- The request in Luke 11 follows two challenging events
 - Jesus had sent out the twelve
 - Soon after they returned, He sent another seventy
- The first time came early in the time the apostles had spent with Jesus
- The second time they knew what it meant to be pushed to their limit
- The Lord will only lead you so far if you are confident that you can handle things by yourself
- You have to be pushed to the limit before He can do great work in you

THEY CAME TO JESUS BECAUSE THEY HAD SEEN HIS EXAMPLE

- Jesus set an example by bathing everything He did in prayer
- When Jesus prayed, it was not an obligation, it was an opportunity
- For your prayer life to be what the Lord wants it to be you need to follow the example of Christ
- The Lord teaches you to see prayer as something you anticipate and look forward to

JESUS SAID PRAYER SHOULD BEGIN BY ADDRESSING GOD AS “OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN”

- The term “Father” implies two things
 - Respect
 - Relationship
- God Almighty, the Lord of Heaven and Earth calls you His child, and invites you to call Him Father
- But you have to come through Jesus