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CONNECTING WITH GOD THE LORD'S PRAYER Part 1: "The Prayer of Connection"

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God is a person, not a power. You can

connect and relate to him personally because He is our Heavenly Father. But the word "father" can bring up all kinds of bad connotations, hurts, difficulties, and experiences. As a result of our earthly fathers' fallibility, we may think God is the same. In this message we explore four characteristics of God as Father using The Lord's Prayer, that will help you see God for who He really is

"This is how you should pray: <u>Our Father</u> in heaven, hallowed be your name." – Matthew 6:9

"... The Lord is with you when you are with him. If you seek him, he will be found by you, but if you forsake him, he will forsake you. For a long time Israel was without the true God, without a priest to teach and without the law. But in their distress they turned to the Lord, the God of Israel, and sought him, and he was found by them."
- 2 Chronicles 15:2-4

My Next Step(s):

• I will not panic, but connect with God in prayer.

 $\,\circ\,$ I will trust in God in the face of seemingly insurmountable obstacles.

- \circ I will draw close to God trusting that He will meet my needs.
- $\,\circ\,$ I will share the peace that God has given me with friends, family & neighbors.
- $\,\circ\,$ I will talk to others about how they can connect with God.

Memory Verse: "The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth." – Psalm 145:18



THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Prayer of Connection

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During those <u>dark times</u>, it was not safe to travel. Problems troubled the people of every land.

2 Chronicles 15:5

He went out to meet Asa and said to him, "Listen to me, Asa and all Judah and Benjamin. The Lord is with you when you are with him. If you seek him, he will be found by you, but if you forsake him, he will forsake you.

2 Chronicles 15:2

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2 Chronicles 15:3-4

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Amen.

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"As a father has <u>compassion</u> on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who honor Him..."

Psalm 103:13

Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing? Mark 4:38

"Cast all your anxiety on Him, because <u>He cares</u> for you!"



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"So don't worry saying, 'What shall we eat? ...or what shall we wear?' Your <u>heavenly Father knows</u> you need these things."

Matthew 6:31-32

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James 1:17

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Malachi 3:6

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"God did this so people would...reach out for Him and find Him, since <u>He is not far</u> from each of us."



"Draw near to God, and he will <u>draw near</u> to you..."



"Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, <u>I will come in</u> and eat with that person, and they with me"

Revelation 3:20

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Psalm 145:18

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"If you...know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask Him!"

Matthew 7:11

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"For nothing is impossible with God."



"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us,"

Ephesians 3:20

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"For there is one God and <u>one mediator</u> between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus,"

- 1 Timothy 2:5