

Thoughts from Pastor – A Sermon Companion

With all of the different things believers can pray about and all of the different ideas about how prayer works it is easy to get lost in the sea of information and ideology that is prayer. I think that is why when the Disciples asked Jesus to teach them to pray they were asking for something more than they had been used to.

I find it hard to believe that these men, growing up in one of the most religious societies ever, didn't know how to pray. They must have seen countless people lift their voices up to the Lord. So what they were asking wasn't necessarily "how" but how to do it like Jesus does.

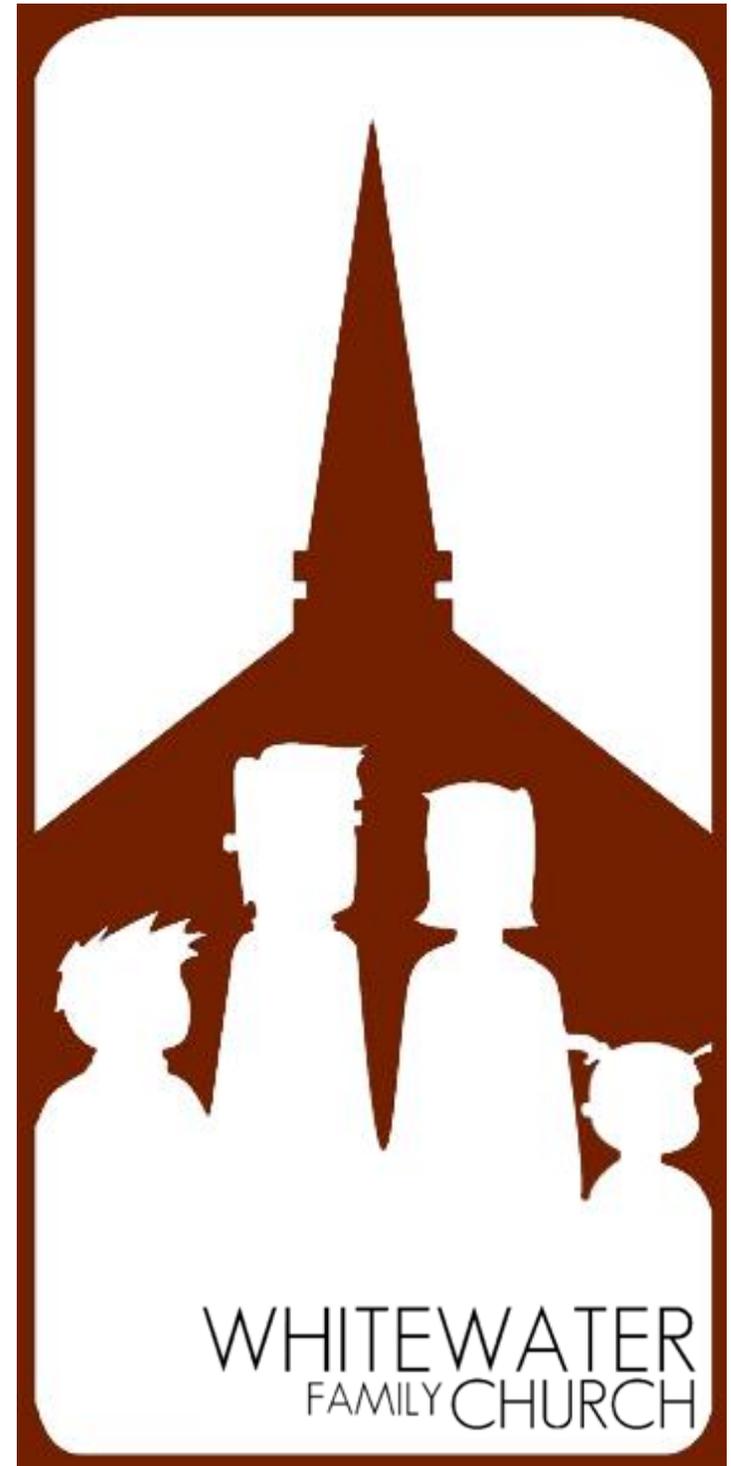
I don't think the answer they got was the one they were expecting. Instead of elaborate prayers designed to say all the right things and cover all the right bases they got the Lord's Prayer. A masterwork in simplicity. A prayer that even the youngest of can remember. But why? Why would Jesus teach them something so simple when what they were asking for was something more complex?

I think the answer lies in the idea of "less being more". Often when we over complicate things we tend to forget what we wanted to accomplish in the first place. Prayer works the same way. The idea behind prayer is to communicate with God as Lord, Father, Friend, etc. When we overcomplicate prayer sometimes it becomes a matter of bringing our "wish-list" to Him rather than talking things through with Him. He desires to have our conversation not our demands. He desires to speak back to us not only listen to our needs. So when we keep the list simpler, we free up ourselves for more of Him.

PRAYER WALKS

October 18th - Businesses/ Meet at Living Word and break into groups to pray for local businesses. 1:30pm

October 25th – Schools / Break up and pray for the High, Jr. High, and Elementary Schools. 1:30pm



Prayer: Three Great Prayers of the Bible

Exodus 33:13 / Luke 18:9-13 / Philippians 1:9-11

There are many great prayers in the Bible. Hanna's prayer for a child, David's prayers for deliverance, Daniel's prayers for a nation, Jesus' prayers in the Garden. All teach us things about how to pray and the nature of God. Today we're going to focus on three topics that I think Believer's should always focus on in prayer. That what we do has God's favor, that we never forget where He has taken us from, and that we can grow in our faith so that we might live pure and blameless before Him.

- I. When praying for God to continue to guide His people during the Exodus Moses prayed to KNOW God's ways. This is also the passage where Moses asked to see God's Glory!**

- II. When praying about his life the Tax Collector prayed for MERCY. We are already forgiven as believers but unlike the Pharisee we should always remember where we came from.**

- III. When praying for other believers Paul prayed for LOVE, KNOWLEDGE, and DISCERNMENT so that they might be pure and blameless in God's sight.**

At Whitewater Family Church we strive to pursue God with honesty and excellence by building stronger families, engaging in mentor based discipleship, and encouraging personal calling and ministry

Things we do Every Week

Sunday School 9:30am

Youth Group - 7:00 Wednesdays

Tuesday Workdays - At the Church 7:00pm

Pot-Luck November 8th

October Prayer Walk - 1:30 @ Living Word

CALLING ALL HEROES! Halloween Outreach

CANDY! We're way behind as compared to last year

We still need Characters! Sign Ups in the Back!

Home-Groups Change Up

Adult Home-Group on Thursdays has been put on hold. Pastor Tony and Crystal will be spending that time doing some deeper discipleship with the Teenagers instead. Everyone is welcome to join the group at the Lema's on Wednesday.

Home-Group

Wednesday 6:30pm

Home-Group is designed to grow your faith, connect to your church family, and share the love of Christ with your community.

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