



**Power of Prayer Series:
“Getting to Know God Through Prayer”
Psalms 5:1-3
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OUR FOCUS:

- Weekend Worship
- Small Groups
- Missions & Outreach
- Children & Student Ministries
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Why People Don't Pray More...

- 1) **Not sure you know how to pray.**
- 2) **Get bored or distracted while trying to pray.**
- 3) **Think your requests are too small for God.**
- 4) **Not sure your prayers will make a difference.**

PRAYER IS COMMUNICATING WITH GOD.

Give ear to my words, O LORD, consider my sighing. Listen to my cry for help, my King and my God, for to you I pray. In the morning, O LORD, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation. Psalm 5:1-3

TALK TO GOD...

1) WITH GUT-LEVEL HONESTY.

"And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by men... And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words." Matthew 6:5, 7

2) ABOUT EVERYTHING THAT MATTERS TO YOU.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. Philippians 4:6

Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. 1 Peter 5:7

3) CONTINUALLY.

Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

4) LISTEN FOR HIS RESPONSE.

And after the fire came a gentle whisper. When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave. 1 Kings 19:12b-13

My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. John 10:27