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GETTING STARTED

Prayer is our lifeline to God, a way to communicate our desires, worries, and praise.

But what happens when we pray and feel there's no answer?

How should we understand God's silence?

Today, let's explore how we can approach God in these times, trusting in His wisdom.

INTO THE WORD

1. **Hebrews 4:16** – “Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.”
2. **John 15:7** – “If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.”
3. **Psalms 69:3** – “I am worn out calling for help; my throat is parched. My eyes fail, looking for my God.”
4. **Luke 11:9-13** – “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you... how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

GOING DEEPER

Prayer doesn't always yield immediate answers. Psalm 69:3 reflects the anguish of waiting, as David cries out, feeling God's silence. Yet, Hebrews 4:16 assures us of God's grace and mercy when we come to Him with boldness. When prayers feel unanswered, it's not that God is distant but that He's inviting us to trust Him more deeply.

In John 15:7, Jesus teaches that when we remain in Him—aligning our hearts with His—our desires begin to reflect God's will, changing the way we pray and what we ask for. God's "no" or "not yet" can guide us toward something greater than we could imagine.

Finally, in Luke 11:9-13, Jesus emphasizes persistence in prayer and the promise that God hears us, encouraging us not to give up. Even when specific requests remain unanswered, God's greatest gift, His Spirit, is always with us, guiding and comforting.

PRAY TOGETHER