



**Community Bible Church**  
**Sermon Discussion Questions: 24/25 & 28**  
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**Title:** Can You Hear Me Now?

**Text:** *Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray..."* Luke 11:1

**Target:** The Person of God has to become more important than our Petitions to God.

1. **Point of Prayer:** (Not a monologue, but a dialogue )
  - a. **Strengthens our Relationship with God:** (Jeremiah 29:12)
    - . Know His Love for Us.
    - . Express Our Love for Him.
    - . Admit Our Shortcomings.
    - . Receive His Grace.
  - a. **Anchor my Trust In God:** (Ps. 46:10)
    - . Know God's Nearness.
    - . Find Hope.
    - . Communicate My Feelings.
  - a. **Change My Perspective:** (Psalm 139:1-4)
    - . Not Alone.
    - . Gain Strength.
    - . All Things Working Together.
    - . Need and Want.

**Question #1:** *How does knowing that God loves us personally change the way we approach prayer?*

**Question #2:** *Can you share a time when admitting your shortcomings to God led to a deeper sense of His grace in your life?*

2. **Power of Prayer:** *"Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us"* (Ephesians 3:20)
  - a. **Salvation Happens:** (Romans 10:13)
  - a. **Forgiveness Provided:** (1 John 1:9)
  - a. **Revival for a Nation:** (2 Chronicles 7:14)
  - a. **Gain Wisdom:** (James 1:5)
  - a. **Supernatural Happens:** (James 5:14-15)
  - a. **Peace is Provided:** (Phil. 4:6-7)
  - a. **Devil is Defeated:** (James 4:7)
  - a. **In Jesus Name:** John 14:14

**Question #3:** How has prayer played a role in your journey towards understanding and accepting salvation?

**Question #4:** How has prayer contributed to experiencing peace in your life, especially during anxious times?

2. **Pattern for Prayer:** "He who kneels the most, stands the best" D.L. Moody.
  - a. **Type Prayers:** Not a formula, but a foundation!
    - . **Lord's Prayer:** (Matt. 6:9-13)
    - . **Priestly Prayer:** (Numbers 6:24-26)
    - . **Solomons Prayer:** (1 Kings: 10-12) (1 Kings 8:22-61)
    - . **Prayer of Jabez:** (1 Chronicles 4:10)
    - . **Jehoshaphat Prayer:** (2 Chronicles 20:6-12)
  - a. **Template Prayers:** Make it yours!
    - . **Up** (Father) /**In** (Self) /**Out** (Others)
    - . **P**(raise). **R**(epent). **A**(sk). **Y**(ield).
    - . **A** (doration). **C**(onfession). **T**(hanksgiving). **S**(upplication).
    - . **H**(onor). **E**(xamine). **A**(sk). **R**(equest). **T**(hank).
    - . **E**(nter-Boldly). **X**(clude-Negativity). **A**(sk-Question). **L**(isten-Words, Images, Songs). **T**(est-Scripture).
2. **Pursuit of Prayer:** It is not how long you pray, but how often you pray.
  - a. **Stay Constant:** (1 Thess: 5:17/Romans 12:12)
  - a. **Stay Persistent:** (Matthew 7:7/ Luke 18:1)
  - a. **Stay Watchful:** (Ephesians 6:18/Colossians 4:2/Matthew 26:41)
  - a. **Stay Expectant:** (Mark 11:24)

**Question #5:** What are some practical ways you can stay constant in prayer amidst a busy schedule?

**Takeaway:** The greatest tragedy of life is not **unanswered prayer**, but **unoffered prayer**. (F.B.Meyer)

**Question #6:** Reflect on the statement, "The greatest tragedy of life is not unanswered prayer, but unoffered prayer." How does this challenge your approach to prayer?

**Question #7:** Can you share a specific area where you are seeking God's guidance or wisdom right now?