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Why Pray?

5.16.10; Senior Pastor Ray Wickham

"Devote yourselves to prayer with an alert mind and a thankful heart." Colossians 4:2

• Prayer: _____

JESUS ON PRAYER: MATTHEW 6:5–15

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(Jesus) *"And now about prayer. When you pray, don't be like the hypocrites who love to pray publicly on street corners and in the synagogues where everyone can see them. I assure you, that is all the reward they will ever get."* Matthew 6:5

"In those days when you pray, I will listen. If you look for me in earnest, you will find me when you seek me. I will be found by you," says the Lord." Jeremiah 29:12-14

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(Jesus) *"And now about prayer. . . When you pray, go away by yourself, shut the door behind you, and pray to your Father secretly. Then your Father, who knows all secrets, will reward you."* Matthew 6:5,6

How often do I need to reconnect with God: _____

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(Jesus) *"And now about prayer... When you pray, don't babble on and on as people of other religions do. They think their prayers are answered only by repeating their words again and again. Don't be like them, because your Father knows exactly what you need even before you ask Him!"* Matthew 6:5,7-8

"Keep on looking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened." Matthew 7:7

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(Jesus) *"In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen"* Matthew 6:9-13

"Jesus prayed, 'Abba, Father! You can do all things. Take away this cup of suffering. But do what you want, not what I want.'" Mark 14:36