

Connection

What is one way you make time in your life for personal prayer with God?

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"Mercy is NOT getting what we deserve (Punishment). Grace is getting what we don't deserve (Gift)."

How does Jesus offer us both?

Provision: "Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread"

1. God provides us with our daily provision, giving us exactly the right amount of what we need to be sustained. Read Matthew 7:7-9 and ask yourself, how can you honor God by the act of asking him to provide for you your daily bread?

Grace: "Forgive Us Our Trespasses"

2. The beauty of the Cross is captured in Psalm 32:3-5. We are given new life in Christ as our sin is washed away. How can we remember to confess our sin to him and admit our brokenness ?

3. Read Psalm 66:18-20, 1 John 1:8-9 and 1 John 2:1-2. In what ways do these passages add more context to Psalm 32:3-5 and why is it important for us to confess our sin before Christ?

Freedom: "Forgive Those Who Trespass Against Us"

4. Taking time to reflect on your faults can help you learn to make allowance and forgive others for their faults. What is a weakness you struggle with that you know others have had to forgive you for?

5. Read Colossians 3:13. We won't have freedom in our hearts if we are unable to forgive others. Who is someone in your life that you pray for Christ to help you mend relationship with today?

Protection: "Lead Us Not Into Temptation"

6. As Matthew 26:41 says, we are weak in our "body" and as such we need God to lead us away from our weakness and help us place boundaries on ourselves that are wise.

What is one example from your life that you are aware of that is a weakness or temptation and how do you go about facing it?

Deliverance: "Deliver Us From Evil"

7. Jesus taught His followers to pray, "Deliver us from evil," because we cannot resist the devil in our own strength. 1 Peter 5:8 says "Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour."

When have you sensed a time of attack from the enemy in your life?

Commitment

8. Close your time in Bible study today by reciting the Lord's prayer (Matthew 6:9-13) and noticing each of these:

Relationship	Provision
Real Estate	Grace
Praise	Freedom
Declaration	Protection
Surrender	Deliverance

Now go back through the list above and pray over each category for yourself.

Consider using these categories for your prayer time each day this week.