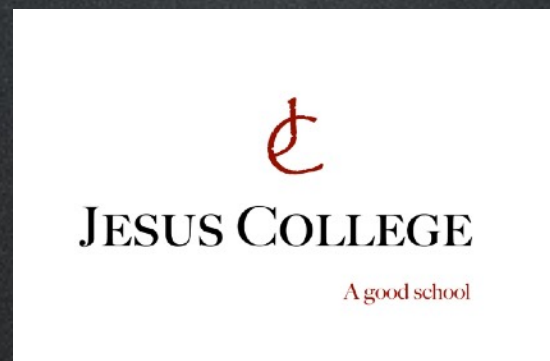




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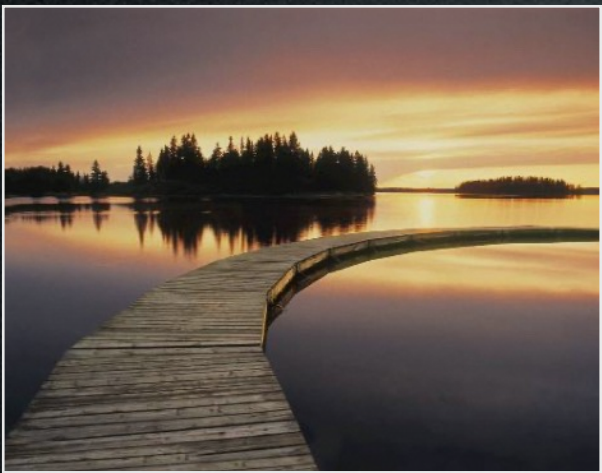
Review of Session 8

From Dallas Willard to you:

“What I can tell you from experience and with assurance is that, if you will do this, and especially if you put this in the framework of a practice of disciplines and all the other things we've talked about in the way of the gospel, you will experience a tremendous progress toward where you want to be for Christ.

It's simply waiting there for you to do.” [Video 10 23:17]





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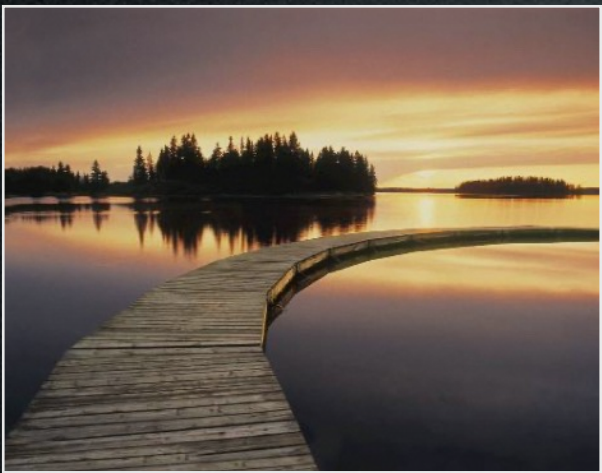
Session 9 - Prayer: What is it and How it Works
Dallas 6, Video 11 [53:03]

I - Prayer - An Enforcing Structure

II - What is Prayer?

III - How Does Prayer Work?

IV - Why is Prayer Arranged This Way?



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I - Prayer - An Enforcing Structure

Prayer is a kind of enforcing structure. Think of it like the steel they put into concrete to reinforce it. And prayer is something that should shoot through our whole lives, and just permeate everything we do. Dallas #6, Intro (video 11)

“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything with prayer and supplication, let your requests be made known unto God, and the peace of God that passes understanding will set a guard about your hearts and minds.”

Philippians 4:6-7



I - Prayer - An Enforcing Structure (continued)

Jesus prayed for Peter. He didn't fix him. Luke 22:31-32

Contact with the Real World The Transfiguration Luke 9:28-29

Resources to live the Golden Rule Ask, Seek, Knock Mt. 7:12

Enlarging Your Boundaries Prayer of Jabez 1 Chron. 4:9-10

Partnering and Depending Upon God with the Power of Prayer

Prayer is so powerful that it can't be left to us.



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II - What is Prayer?

Prayer is talking with God about what we're doing together.
Prayers are requests about the collaboration with God.

[24:34]

Look at The Lord's Prayer

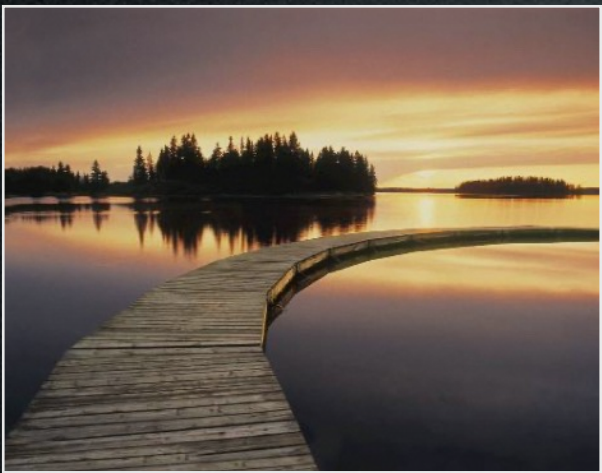
A prayer is basically asking..including for you!

Start with the things you are really concerned about. These things will be about you. Praying for yourself is not selfish.

If we begin where we are, and we follow the rule, pray for what you are really concerned about and stay with it.

Then the Kingdom of God will move into us.

[26:58]



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III - How Does Prayer Work?

The power of asking is what moves in prayer!

A friend late at night at the door.

A persistent widow who will simply not give up.

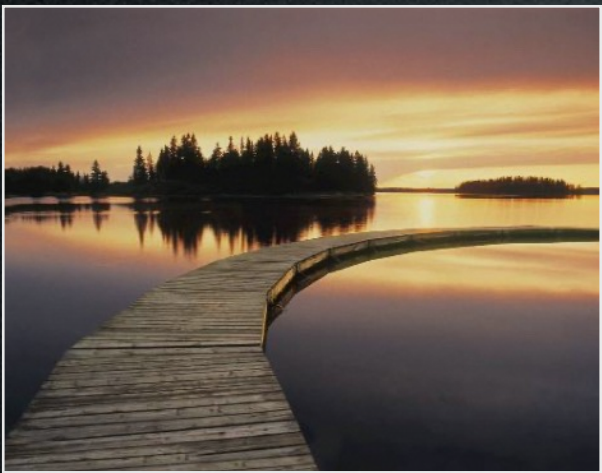
Jesus is illustrating how prayer works.

Asking is a powerful, fundamental law continued over time.

Prayer is a process with three terms: God, you, and others.

All three change. That's living in a universe of community.

[32:56]



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IV - Why is Prayer Arranged This Way?

Doesn't God know everything already?

Isn't He already gonna do what is good?

"Adam, where are you?"

If God decides He doesn't want to know something, He can not do it. His omnipotence is not the victim of His omniscience. In other words, He is powerful enough, if He doesn't want to know something, He can not know it.

...and He's not already going to do what He's going to do.

[40:50]

Prayer is a Process for Growth in Christlikeness

The reason there is an arrangement such as prayer is that so you and I can grow to become the people that God intended us to become.

[45:18]





Because we are training to reign (Revelation 22:5)...

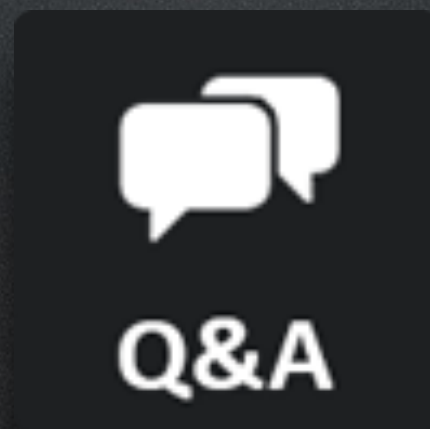
Prayer allows us safely to act beyond any power that we have in ourselves. Prayer allows us to step into the Kingdom of God and begin to move with that power that is beyond us, and to do it safely, because it is God who's in control.

[46:12]

Q&C

Your Questions & Comments are welcome!

(Use the Q&A on the bottom of your Zoom screen)



80:00 + 10K

Meditation: Luke 11:1-13, Luke 18:1-8

Application

VISION - What would my life look like if I better knew and practiced prayer?

INTENTION - How much do I truly, desperately want to see Gods' power?

MEANS - In what area is God asking me to persist more in prayer?



† Cross Fit

More Dallas teaching to complement Session 9

Books

† *Hearing God*

† - *The Divine Conspiracy*, “Prayer”, chapter 7, pages 239-269

Video

† - [The Role of Faith in Prayer](#)

Renovaré, Azusa Pacific University, 2007

Summary of Session 9

“We're invited to bring our life into the Kingdom of God, and to live there in a conversation relationship, in which we simply come before the Lord and say what we want, and keep that request there. And sometimes it's a long time.

And when you become discouraged, remember, you don't have anything better to do.”

[50:08]



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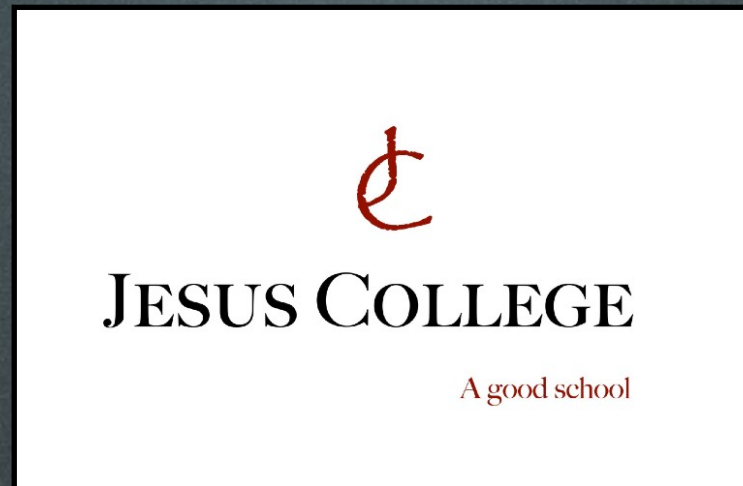


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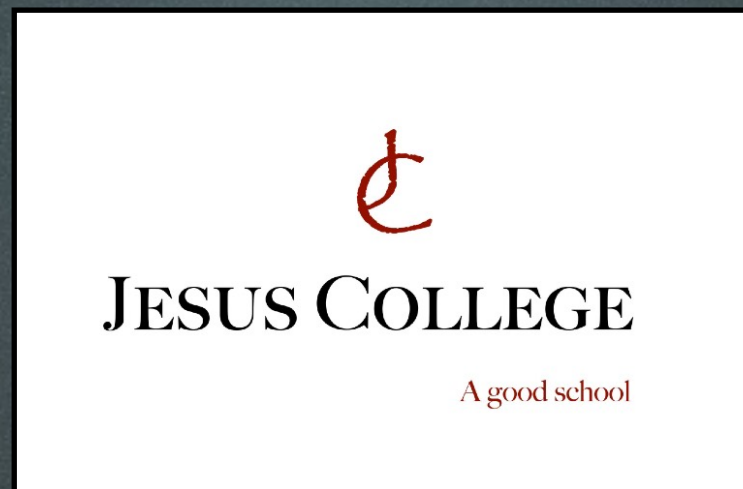
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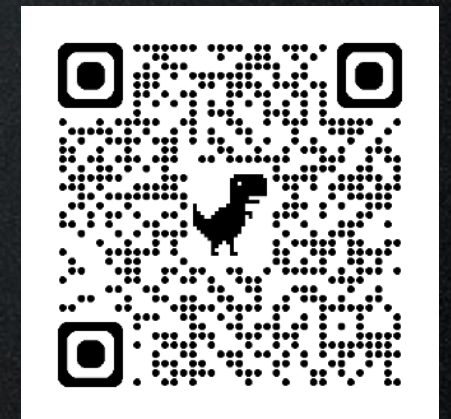
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