

# REAL KINGDOM *Living*

## PART THREE | PRAYER



ARISE, SHINE  
YOUR LIGHT HAS COME

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# 1. Intro

## Isaiah 60 NIV The Glory of Zion

“Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you. 2 See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you. 3 Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.”

## 2025 | Favour and Fruitfulness

“Do you want a successful, supernatural glorious and stunning year in 2025? Do you want to be the best you?” Deny yourself, pickup your cross and follow Him fully



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# Matthew 16:13-27 progression and foundation for LIFE -



Finding your life | Fruitfulness, fulfilment, Kingdom living

Losing your life | Deny self | Pickup your cross | FOLLOW JESUS

Jesus builds His church | Our family | Rock

Live in authority

See and find yourself | True identity

See and find Jesus

*Real Kingdom living*



A solid foundation is needed -



Truly grow this year?



**Spiritual growth in 2025 | Fruit in 2025 –**

- 1. The Word daily**
- 2. Prayer daily**
- 3. Community**
- 4. Serving**

*Real Kingdom Living*



“We can’t live off Bible crumbs, memes, cute philosophical Christian reels or the verse of the day, when living in mankind’s hurricane season of disinformation, agendas, propaganda and demonic deceptions.”

**John 1:1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

- Gives life, truth and direction; inspired and authoritative; transforms our hearts, minds and lives because it is powerful

*The Word*



## 2. Our Foundation for Growth | PRAYER :

**"Prayer is not overcoming God's reluctance, but laying hold of His willingness."**

Martin Luther



## Learnt and seen:

1. ... as Martin said: "Prayer is not overcoming God's reluctance, but laying hold of His willingness."
2. **Luke 2:49** And He said to them, "Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?"
3. **The Father's Kingdom: Matthew 6:10** Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

**God's FINGERPRINTS**

*Prayer*



Like Jesus -

Pray from BELONGING



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## 2.1 As His child

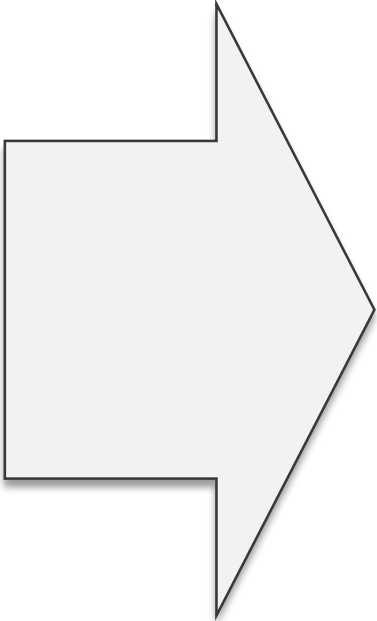
**How do you see yourself when you pray?**

**How do you see God?**

## 2.1 As His child

**Matthew 3:17** And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, “**This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.**”

**Belonging** and identity is key to prayer and spiritual growth:



**To belong is to be accepted.** To belong is to feel secure. Without belonging, we are alone. As humans, our greatest desire is to know and be known, to love and be loved and to feel confident that those who know and love us will be there for us through joy and trouble.

## 2.2 To belong and to pray like Jesus:

### 1. A Son | Daughter:

**Galatians 4:7** Therefore you are no longer a slave, **but a son**; and if a son, then an heir through God.

**Romans 8:15** For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a **spirit of adoption as sons** by which we cry out, **“Abba! Father!”**

**Matthew 6:9** “Therefore, you should pray like this: **Our Father** in heaven...”

Testimony

## Intimacy with the Father: Jesus as a Son



**Jesus often withdrew to solitary places to pray -**

**Luke 5:16** So He Himself often withdrew into the wilderness and prayed.

This reflects His **deep communion with God and reliance on the Father** for guidance and strength -

**John 5:19** Then Jesus answered and said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner.”

## 2. Accepted:

I pray not for acceptance – **but from ACCEPTANCE** - a place of belonging, righteousness and being washed by the blood of Jesus

**2 Corinthians 6:18** And, “I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.”

**Not performing, but partnering | BELONGING**



### 3. Access:

EVERYONE, through Jesus, have access - ALWAYS, EVERYWHERE

**Matthew 27:51** Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split...

**Ephesians 2:18** For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.

**TALK to Him**



**Frequency and Priority:** Jesus prayed frequently, including early mornings -

**Mark 1:35** Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed.

And before major decisions, such as choosing the disciples -

**Luke 6:12** Now it came to pass in those days that He went out to the mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God.



“Jesus knew that apart from continual dependence on His Father, He could do nothing. If the Son of God needed to pray continually, how much more must we?”

- John Piper emphasizes that prayer was not occasional for Jesus but a continual rhythm

*Jesus prayed*

## 4. Available:



**Matthew 28:20** "Teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

I've learnt God is always available

Am I?

# You BELONG



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Next week...

Community

Serving



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# Let's Pray



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