

FACE TIME WITH GOD

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Galatians 5:25 (NIV)

Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

“To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing.”

— Martin Luther

- **Prayer is the critical connection point to our source of life**

Acts 17:24-25 (NLT)

“He is the God who made the world and everything in it. Since he is Lord of heaven and earth, he doesn’t live in man-made temples,²⁵ and human hands can’t serve his needs—for he has no needs. He himself gives life and breath to everything, and he satisfies every need.

Acts 17:28 (NLT)

For in him we live and move and exist. As some of your own poets have said, ‘We are his offspring.’

- **Every prayerless day is a missed opportunity to connect to our source of life**
- **When we stop praying - we wither quickly!**

John 15:4–5 (NLT)

Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me.⁵ “Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing.

- **JOHN 15:4 IS AN INVITATION TO GOD’S UNLIMITED DATA PLAN...**

Hebrews 10:19–22 (NLT)

And so, dear brothers and sisters, we can boldly enter heaven’s Most Holy Place because of the blood of Jesus.²⁰ By his death, Jesus opened a new and life-giving way through the curtain into the Most Holy Place.²¹ And since we have a great High Priest who rules over God’s house,²² let us go right into the presence of God with sincere hearts fully trusting him. For our guilty consciences have been sprinkled with Christ’s blood to make us clean, and our bodies have been washed with pure water.

- **We are called to be people of prayer**

1 Thessalonians 5:17 (NLT)

Never stop praying.

Colossians 4:2 (NLT)

Devote yourselves to prayer with an alert mind and a thankful heart.

“Every great movement of God can be traced to a kneeling figure.”

— D.L. Moody

Romans 12:12 (NIV)

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

- **What is the primary motivation of my prayers?**
- **Do I pray to seek the hand of God more than I pray to seek the face of God?**

“God’s face is the essence of who He is. God’s hand is the blessing of what He does. God’s face represents His person and presence. God’s hand expresses His provision for needs in our lives.

I have learned that if all we ever do is seek God’s hand, we may miss His face; but if we seek His face, He will be glad to open His hand and satisfy the deepest desires of our hearts.” – Daniel Henderson

Matthew 7:7 (NLT)

“Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for...”

Philippians 4:6 (NIV)

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

- **The foundation of our prayer should be face time with God**

Luke 11:1–2 (NLT)

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying. As he finished, one of his disciples came to him and said, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.” ² Jesus said, “This is how you should pray: “Father, may your name be kept holy...”

How to seek His face:

1. SETTING OUR HEARTS TO SEEK HIM IN WORSHIP

1 Chronicles 16:29 (NLT)

Give to the LORD the glory he deserves! Bring your offering and come into his presence. Worship the LORD in all his holy splendor.

- **SEEK HIS FACE BY TAKING TIME TO INTENTIONALLY SET YOUR MIND ON WHO GOD IS, AND WHO YOU ARE IN HIM**

2. DELIGHT IN HIS INSTRUCTION

Psalms 1:1–3 (NLT)

Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers.

² But they delight in the law of the LORD, meditating on it day and night. ³ They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season. Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do.

- SEEK HIM BY DISCOVERING MORE AND MORE OF WHO HE IS AND WHAT HE IS LIKE

3. SUBMITTING COMPLETELY TO HOLY SPIRIT

John 16:13–14 (NLT)

When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own but will tell you what he has heard. He will tell you about the future. ¹⁴ He will bring me glory by telling you whatever he receives from me.

- GOD SPEAKS THROUGH HOLY SPIRIT - WE CAN SEEK HIM BY BEING OPEN TO HIS VOICE. GOD I WANT TO HEAR YOUR VOICE TO ME!

4. LONGING TO KNOW AND ENJOY HIM MORE!

Psalms 63:1–5 (NLT)

O God, you are my God; I earnestly search for you. My soul thirsts for you; my whole body longs for you in this parched and weary land where there is no water. ² I have seen you in your sanctuary and gazed upon your power and glory. ³ Your unfailing love is better than life itself; how I praise you! ⁴ I will praise you as long as I live, lifting up my hands to you in prayer. ⁵ You satisfy me more than the richest feast. I will praise you with songs of joy.

2 Chronicles 7:14 (NLT)

Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land.

- STIR YOUR HEART TO EARNESTLY SEARCH FOR HIM

Psalms 37:4

“Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.”

Numbers 6:22–26 (NIV)

The LORD said to Moses, ²³ “Tell Aaron and his sons, ‘This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them: ²⁴ “ ‘The LORD bless you and keep you; ²⁵ the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; ²⁶ the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.” ’