

PRAYER: GETTING REAL WITH GOD...PART I

Focus Text - Philippians 4:6

INTRODUCTION

Have circumstances at home, school or church ever seemed to be all going crazy at once and you needed someone to do something quick fast and in a hurry because you felt as if you were going to lose your mind?! All of us have felt that way and many have looked for temporary solutions such as alcohol, denial, sex, drugs etc., but at the end of the day, the problems are still there. Where can we go, who can we call, especially when we have messed up BIG TIME!? There is a name above all names, JESUS / YAHSHUA!

It's funny how Satan makes us feel unworthy to call on Jesus / Yahshua because of what we've done or because of our surrounding circumstances. No one should ever feel as if he or she is not worthy to pray, and no one should ever feel that prayer is too complicated to achieve. Today, we are going to "GET REAL" with God through prayer.

Tool #1 – Acknowledge the authority of God

1. How significant is God? **Matthew 6:9**
2. How measurable is God? **Revelation 22:13**

Tool #2 – Ask for forgiveness of sin

3. What is contingent on God forgiving our sins? **Matthew 6:12**

Tool #3 – Be honest in prayer about what you need/want from Him, while fervently seeking Him

Approaching God is not a time to be cute or politically correct. It's a time for you and God to have a one-on-one about what's going on in your life and what changes should be made in order for you to line up with the Word of God. It's a time to seek what you need from Him.

4. Why is it that many times we do not receive what we ask for? **James 4:3**
5. When we don't know how to pray or what to pray, what helps us? **Romans 8:26**

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Blind Bartimaeus - **Mark 10:46-52**

6. How did Bartimaeus approach God?
7. Did Bartimaeus care about what people thought about the way in which he approach God?
8. Did Bartimaeus receive what he wanted from God?