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WHEN PRAYER BECOMES *Relationship*

COMING TO THE FATHER WHO INVITES US NEAR



"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name.
Your kingdom come, Your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven."
MATTHEW 6:9–10

When Jesus taught His disciples to pray, He began with two simple words: ***Our Father***. Prayer begins with ***relationship***.

Jesus invites us to come before God not merely with a list of needs, but as children approaching their Father. We come to worship Him, to bring our needs before Him, to seek His will and to spend time in His presence.

Sometimes we make prayer far more complicated than it needs to be. We wonder whether we have prayed enough, said the right words, or somehow disappointed God through our failures. But Scripture reminds us that all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23), and yet through Christ we are invited to draw near to God with confidence.

You can never let God down,
because you were never holding Him up.

God is not dependent upon our perfection. When we begin to understand His grace and His love toward us, prayer becomes less about performing correctly and more about drawing near. We can speak honestly. We can worship. We can bring our needs. We can confess. We can be quiet.

And prayer does not have to be filled with our words every moment. Sometimes we need to stop speaking long enough to listen — allowing Scripture to shape our hearts and giving the Holy Spirit room to bring God's truth to our attention.

Prayer is more than presenting a list.

It is relationship.
It is communion.
It is coming near.

PAUSE & REFLECT

1. When you pray, do you mostly speak to God — or do you also make space to be quiet before Him?

2. What might change in your prayer life if you approached God first as Father, rather than beginning with everything you need from Him?

TODAY

Set aside a few quiet minutes.
Open your Bible. Put the list aside for a moment.

Begin simply: *"Father, I am here."*

Read. Pray. Listen.

And allow time with Him to become more than something you do.

Let it become relationship.

PRAYER

Father, thank You that I can come to You. Thank You for Your love, Your grace and Your open invitation to draw near. Help me to slow down, to listen and to enjoy a deeper relationship with You. Teach me to pray with a heart that trusts and loves You.

Amen.