

How to Talk to God: The Key to Effective Prayer

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1. What area is generally the source of power struggles in your home? What about power struggles with God?
2. Read Matthew 6:9-13, focusing on verse 10. What is your kingdom – the area of your life where you have at least a semblance of control? How do you respond when your rule is usurped by someone else? By God?
3. Why is repentance necessary to bring us into the kingdom of God? How have you rearranged your life in order to do God's will?
4. Read John 3:26-27. What parts of God's plan are difficult for you to accept? Which of your plans need to be set aside in order to be faithful to his?
5. What explanations are you demanding from God? What can we learn in times of God's silence?
6. What aspects of your life need to be surrendered to his control? How would your life be different if you truly believed that God is smarter than you are about your life?
7. Read Matthew 11: 28-30. What fears are keeping you from surrendering to God's control?
8. Read Matthew 6:33-34. How can seeking God's will make a change in your daily choices? In what ways do you need to surrender your will to His?
 - your schedule
 - your decisions
 - your priorities
 - your problems