

## **Prayers to Grow By – What Did Jesus Do?, pt 1**

Who is someone from whom you've learned to pray?

**WDJD? -- In many situations, He P\_\_\_\_\_.**

### **Getting started: At His baptism**

*"As He was praying, heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended on Him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are My Son, whom I love; with You I am well-pleased."* Luke 3:21

What are you getting started with?

The Father is willing to speak. Are we willing to L\_\_\_\_\_?  
Pray expectantly.

### **In times of testing: 40 days in the wilderness**

Praying in the face of T\_\_\_\_\_

What trial or test are you most plagued by these days?  
Envy? Greed? Lust? Fear? Discouragement?

### **Regular P\_\_\_\_\_... Special P\_\_\_\_\_**

*"Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed."* Lk 5:16  
When/Where do you "often" pray?

### **When faced with a big D\_\_\_\_\_ : Inviting the Twelve.**

*One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, and spent the night praying to God...* Luke 6:12  
24-hour prayer vigil?

### **How do I pray & What do I say? Jesus on prayer**

*"And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans... Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him.*

*"This, then, is how you should pray:*

*"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name...*

*For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.* Matthew 6:5-15

Pray to forgive and to be forgiven.

*"I offer up unto You, O Lord, my prayers for forgiveness for those who have in any matter hurt or grieved me...*

*For all those, also, whom I at any time have grieved..."*

*Of the Imitation of Christ, Thomas a Kempis, Book 4, Chapter 9*

**Praying with P\_\_\_\_\_ - Jesus told His disciples a parable that they should always pray and never give up.** Luke 18:1  
"Not now" is not the same thing as "No."

### **Praying with others**

*"Once when Jesus was praying in private and His disciples were with Him..."* Luke 9:18

*"Jesus took Peter, James and John with Him and went onto a mountain to pray..."* Luke 9:28

How are you at praying with others? Mondays, 8:30 am

### **Thanking God for giving faith to C\_\_\_\_\_**

*"I praise You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because You have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this is what You were pleased to do."* Matthew 11:25-26

List of Children & youth for prayer (or Directory)

### **For the spiritual benefit of others -- Before Lazarus**

*So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. I knew that You always hear Me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that You sent Me."* John 11:40-42

For whom can you be a model for prayer?

### **Jesus Prays for \_\_\_ (Luke 22:31-32)**

*Because Jesus lives forever, He has a permanent priesthood. Therefore He is able to save completely those who come to God through Him, because He always lives to intercede for them.* Hebrews 7:24-25

### **Pray like Jesus.**

### **Next Steps**

- 1) Name the temptation/test you are most plagued by these days?
- 2) Pray for the grace to forgive and to be forgiven.
- 3) Use our list of Children & youth (or the back page of our Directory) as a prayer guide.