

FaceTime
How To Personally Talk With God
Part 2

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying. As he finished, one of his disciples came to him and said, “Lord, teach us how to pray.” **Luke 11:1**

*About that time King Herod Agrippa began to persecute some believers in the church. He had the apostle James (John’s brother) killed with a sword. When Herod saw how much this pleased the Jewish people, he also arrested Peter. (This took place during the Passover celebration. Then he imprisoned him, placing him under the guard of four squads of four soldiers each. Herod intended to bring Peter out for public trial after the Passover. But while Peter was in prison, the church prayed very earnestly for him. **Acts 12:1-5***

Prayer Matter #1 - Begin With _____

Prayer is the point where my need meets God’s power.

Prayer Matter #2 - Pray With _____

*... while Peter was in prison, the church prayed earnestly for him. **Acts 12:5***

*And being in agony He was praying very fervently; and His sweat became like drops of blood, falling down on the ground. **Luke 22:44***

Prayer Matter #3 - Pray Expecting _____

The night before Peter was to be placed on trial, he was asleep, fastened with two chains between two soldiers. Others stood guard at the prison gate. Suddenly, there was a bright light in the cell, and an angel of the Lord stood before Peter. The angel struck him on the side to awaken him and said, “Quick! Get up!” And the chains fell off his wrists. Then the angel told him, “Get dressed and put on your sandals.” And he did. “Now put on your coat and follow me,” the angel ordered. So Peter left the cell, following the angel. But all the time he thought it was a vision. He didn’t realize it was actually happening. They passed the first and second guard posts and came to the iron gate leading to the city, and this opened for them all by itself. So they passed through and started walking down the street, and then the angel suddenly left him. Peter finally came to his senses. “It’s really true!” he said. “The Lord has sent his angel and saved me from Herod and from what the Jewish leaders had planned to do to me!” When he realized this, he went to the home of Mary, the mother of John Mark, where many were gathered for prayer. He knocked at the door in the gate, and a servant girl named Rhoda came to open it. When she recognized Peter’s voice, she was so overjoyed that, instead of opening

the door, she ran back inside and told everyone, "Peter is standing at the door!" "You're out of your mind!" they said. When she insisted, they decided, "It must be his angel." Meanwhile, Peter continued knocking. When they finally opened the door and saw him, they were amazed. He motioned for them to quiet down and told them how the Lord had led him out of prison. "Tell James and the other brothers what happened," he said. And then he went to another place.
Acts 12:6-17

Prayer is not manipulating God to do what I want,
it is stretching to God, so His will is accomplished in me

Prayer aligns me to what God wants

What God Provides Me For Powerful Prayers

*So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now, we call him, "Abba Father." **Romans 8:15***

*We can come to God with bold confidence. **1 John 3:21***

*And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don't know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words. And the Father who knows all our hearts knows what the Spirit is saying, for the Spirit pleads for us believers in harmony with God's own will. **Romans 8:26-27***

Find a _____

Pick a _____

Keep a _____

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