



BECAUSE YOU PRAYED

the power of a prayer

Bridge City
CHURCH

Part 1: Small Prayers, Big God

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CONVERSATION GUIDE



SMALL GROUPS

We're beginning *"Because You Prayed"*, a series that invites us to rediscover prayer as a close and ongoing conversation with our Heavenly Father. Over the next few weeks, we'll see that prayer is not about formulas, polished speeches, or finding the perfect words, but about the confidence with which we come to God. Today, we begin by remembering that what matters most is not how we speak, but who we are talking to.

In **Matthew 6:6–8**, Jesus teaches that prayer is not meant to impress other people or earn God's favor through many words. Instead, He invites us to come to the Father with sincerity, confidence, and a genuine relationship. Biblical prayer flows from a heart that knows God as Father and rests in the assurance that He hears us, cares for us, and answers according to His perfect will.

But when you pray, go away by yourself, shut the door behind you, and pray to your Father in private. Then your Father, who sees everything, will reward you. When you pray, don't babble on and on as the Gentiles do. They think their prayers are answered merely by repeating their words again and again. Don't be like them, for your Father knows exactly what you need even before you ask him!

Matthew 6:6–8 (NLT)



LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

1. As you read **Matthew 6:6–8**, what part of Jesus' teaching about prayer stands out to you the most, and why?
2. Jesus also taught that our Father gives good gifts to those who come to Him with confidence (**Matthew 7:9–11**). How does that truth change the way you view your own prayers?

3. What obstacle most often keeps you from approaching God with the simplicity and confidence of a child talking to their Father?

You don't need the right words; you need the right God.



MAKE IT PRACTICAL

This week, take these steps as you talk with your Father:

1. **Talk briefly.** You don't need an hour or a special place to talk with God each day in a simple, natural way without worrying about finding the perfect words. What would you say to Him today if you spoke with Him as naturally as you would with someone you trust?
2. **Pray honestly.** Bring God what is truly in your heart, even if you're not sure how to put it into words. Let sincerity matter more than eloquence.
3. **Talk consistently.** Whether you're walking through a difficult season or enjoying a good one, pause to turn your attention to God by thanking Him, asking for His help, or simply remembering that He is with you.



PRAYER

"Father, thank You that we can come to You with confidence through Jesus. Thank You for receiving us as Your children and for hearing us even when our words are simple or incomplete. Help us develop a closer relationship with You and seek You sincerely each day. May prayer become an ongoing conversation with You throughout this week. Amen."



TIPS

- A person who learns to talk to God as their Father doesn't wait until they have the perfect words; they choose to come to Him with confidence and sincerity.
- If you don't know what to say in prayer this week, remember that God knows your heart before He hears your words.
- Prayer grows stronger through consistency. Every conversation with God, no matter how brief, helps deepen your relationship with Him.



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