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***Power of Partnership***

Matthew 6:9

Now what is Prayer? Simply put, “Communicating w\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ God and God communicating with us.” That is it! It does not have to be complicated.

In all of the OT which covers thousands of years of history, God was only referred to as “father” \_\_\_\_ times. On the other hand, Jesus uses this expression of “Father” or in Greek the word is “Abba” or our English word of “Daddy” over \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ times. Through Jesus, we can come into a partnership with God as our Father.

WHAT IS GOD REALLY LIKE? 4 CHARACTERISTICS:

I. GOD IS A C\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ FATHER

The Bible teaches us that God made you because He loves you, and He made you so that He could love you and you could love Him in return. In Ps 103:13 we read this: “As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Him.”

Peter teaches us this truth about prayer in 1 Pt 5:7- “Cast a\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ your care on Him, because He cares about you” The word translated as “Cast” here literally means “d\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”.

Listen to Jesus’ words in Mt. 6:31-32, “So don’t worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ 32 For the idolaters eagerly seek all these things, and your heavenly Father k\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that you need them.” Caring fathers meet the needs of their kids!

Whenever we start to doubt God’s love we immediately start to worry. Worry is a w\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sign for our spiritual life. The reason we worry so much is that we do not know just how much God loves us

II. GOD IS A C\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ FATHER

God is always d\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. He is reliable. We read this truth in James 1:17, “E\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ generous act and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father...” God does not change.

Listen to what Paul taught Timothy about God’s consistency despite our own inconsistencies in 2 Tim. 2:13, “If we are faithless, He remains f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, for He cannot deny Himself.”

III. GOD IS A C\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ FATHER

Listen to some promises of God’s Word about the closeness of God through prayer:

A) God is never too b\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for you!

Psalm 145:18, “The LORD is near all who call out to Him…”

B) God desires to talk with you & meet your n\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Jesus said in Mt. 7:11, “If you then…know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who a\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Him!”

C) God cares about & wants to h\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the hurts in your life

Psalm 34:18, “The LORD is near (close to) the brokenhearted; He s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ those crushed in spirit.”

IV. GOD IS A C\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ FATHER

Listen to what the Angel of the Lord tells us about the power available to us when we pray & talk to God our Father. He said in Luke 1:37, “For n\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ will be impossible with God.”

God specializes on fixing things & fulfilling dreams. Paul teaches us in Ephesians 3:20, “God is able to do above and beyond all that we ask or think according to the power that works in us.”

So, what is it that you need God to do or to be in your life today?