



## I. INTRO

- A. What is prayer?
- B. We often first learn to pray from a place of pain or loss
- C. What would you want Jesus to teach you how to do?

**Luke 11:1 (NKJV) Now it came to pass, as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, *that* one of His disciples said to Him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.”**

## II. PRINCIPLE OR FORMULA

- A. In the Lord’s Prayer, Jesus taught us a principle of prayer, not a formula for prayer
  - Principle: A fundamental truth or proposition that serves as the foundation for a system of belief or behavior or for a chain of reasoning
  - Formula: A fixed form of words, especially one that has lost its original meaning or force, and is now used only as a conversation or ceremonial expression or is repeated without thought
- B. Different kinds of prayer in the Lord’s prayer

**Matthew 6:9-13 (NKJV) In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as *it is* in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

## II. THE PRAYER OF AGREEMENT

- A. The power of agreement

**Matthew 18:19 (TLB) “I also tell you this—if two of you agree down here on earth concerning anything you ask for, my Father in heaven will do it for you.<sup>20</sup> For where two or three gather together because they are mine, I will be right there among them.”**

- The word “agree” in the Greek is **Sumphoneo**, which means “to be harmonious.” It’s the foundation for the English words “symphony” and “concert.”
- The phrase “gathered together” comes from two Greek words, combined as **SUNAGO**, the term conveys the idea of coming together in unity, or in “one accord.” “One accord” is another interesting phrase that comes from **HOMOTHYMADON**, a word for unanimous or single mindedness.

**Amos 3:3 (NLT) Can two people walk together without agreeing on the direction?**

- B. What/who am I agreeing with?



- Agree with God

**1 John 5:14-15 (NIV)** <sup>14</sup> This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. <sup>15</sup> And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.

**Jeremiah 1:12 (AMPC)** Then said the Lord to me, You have seen well, for I am alert and active, watching over My word to perform it.

**2 Samuel 7:25-27 (NIV)** <sup>25</sup> “And now, Lord God, keep forever the promise you have made concerning your servant and his house. Do as you promised, <sup>26</sup> so that your name will be great forever. Then people will say, ‘The Lord Almighty is God over Israel!’ And the house of your servant David will be established in your sight. <sup>27</sup> “Lord Almighty, God of Israel, you have revealed this to your servant, saying, ‘I will build a house for you.’ So your servant has found courage to pray this prayer to you.

**C. You must be in agreement with the boundaries of prayer**

- Forgiveness

**Mark 11:25 (NIV)** And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive them, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins.”

- Faith will work for you but it may not for others
- Keep faith alive

**Philippians 4:6-7 (NIV)** <sup>6</sup> Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.