



Introduction

2 facts: I was a prodigal; I know prayer works.

What we think we know about prayer & prodigal isn't always helpful.

The stand-up challenge!

Fresh look today:

- Prayer—Direct living communication of the human soul with God
- Prodigal—wasting the inheritance

Part I

Let's talk about prayer

Sender – Message – Channel – Receiver – Noise – Feedback

God communicated with us when we were not even looking for Him

Romans 5:8 (NLT) But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.

The channel has now been open for all of humanity to communicate with God.

The shedding of the blood of Jesus Christ made all things possible.

Mark 15:38 (NLT) And the curtain in the sanctuary of the Temple was torn in two, from top to bottom

The message is loud and clear and it is Christ Crucified and Risen.

Once I receive personally what He did – now on the same frequency.

God is talking to me – and I am talking to God

Part II

These this can be noise:

- Religion
- Rules



These things are noise:

- Sin
- Offense
- Un-forgiveness

Relationship does require something of me, and of God.

Those who come to God must believe 2 things.

Hebrews 11:6 (NLT) And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him.

When I communicate with God, he hears.

When He communicates with me, do I hear?

- Hannah prayed and God gave her a son
- Hezekiah prayed and God gave him 15 more years
- Christians prayed and God got Peter out of jail
- Jairus prayed and God raised his daughter from the dead
- Moses asked God to show himself, and He obliged
- A thief on a cross prayed and He made it into God's presence for eternity
- _____ **prayed and** _____!

Part III

Communicating with GOD is the solution to an inheritance that is being wasted.

INHERITENCE – Something passed on (typically father to child)

Salvation = Sozo = Saved = Healing = Deliverance = Freedom = Fullness

Romans 15:13 (NLT) I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Keywords from the story in Luke Chapter 15:

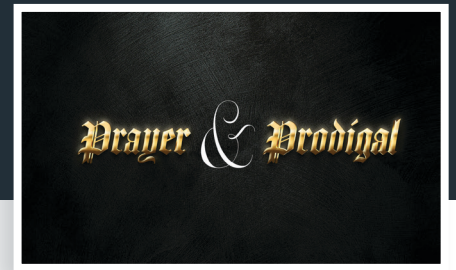
- Wanted
- wasted
- wild living



Prayer & Prodigal

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- starving
- hungry
- sinning

I can be sitting in church 3 times a week: Be wanting things God doesn't; Be wasting my marriage (relationships); Saying I am a follower but living WILD; Starving on the inside
Hungry

My inheritance in Christ!

Same solution

Receive what He has already PROVIDED for and is more than willing to POUR it into you.

Cultivate the relationship

- Make time, make Him a priority. There is not a cheat code for this.

Cultivate the communication

- Read the WORD and just listen.

How long? (YES!)

Closing

Here are just a few promises from HIM that I can spoon feed you.

Jeremiah 33:3 (NLT) Ask me and I will tell you remarkable secrets you do not know about things to come.

Acts 2:17 (NLT) In the last days, God says "I will pour out my Spirit on all people"

RETURN

Luke 15:22 (NLT) 'Quick! Bring the finest robe in the house and put it on him. Get a ring for his finger and sandals for his feet.

God will **COVER YOU**

You will begin to **DISCOVER your IDENTITY in HIM**

He **WILL DIRECT and LEAD YOU**