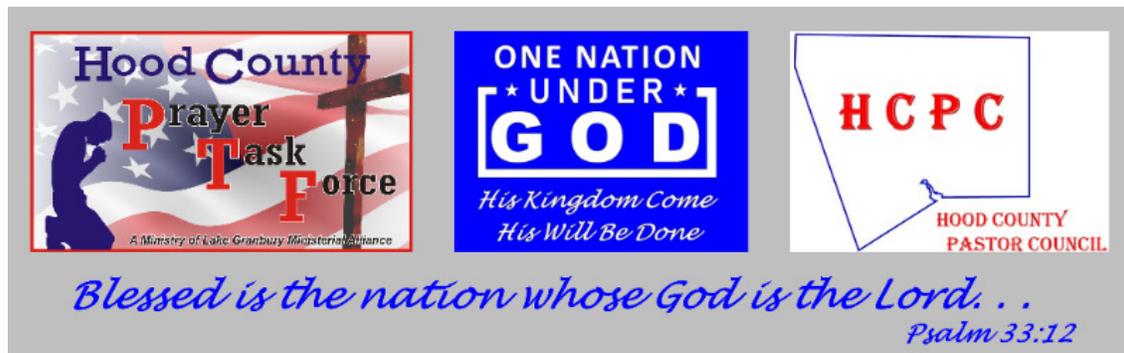


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Who Do You Really Pray To?

For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.”

Romans 8:15

Reflections

How you see God determines the manner in which you speak to Him! I talk to a lady named “Disty” in an intimate way because she is my wife! Her children talk to her in a loving tone because she is their mother. A stranger may call her “Patricia” because he or she isn’t aware that she does not use her legal name on a daily basis. Your view of God determines how you relate to Him. Do you see God as Santa Claus, Genie In the Lamp, Problem Solver, Cruel Tyrant or Father? Our scripture

Challenge

Spend time relating, appreciating, and listening before asking your heavenly Dad for something you need! Prioritize the relationship over the requests!

For Discussion

gives us three insights that reveal who we are really praying to!

Prayer is a Privilege! In the Old Testament and traditional synagogue prayers, God was addressed differently than by believers today. They may open with “God of Abraham, Isaac or Jacob.” These names associate God with the nation of Israel. Jesus taught us that God is our Father in the New Testament and every believer is “adopted” into His family. We have personal access 24/7 since we are in His family and we never receive a voicemail saying “call back later.” Anyone can be a part of God’s family, not just those who are racially tied to Abraham. What a privilege to talk to the most loving, joyful, forgiving, powerful being in the universe! That’s better than all of the celebrities put together worshipped by our culture.

Secondly, prayer is Personal. I hear the majority of people pray “Dear God” or “Lord.” Jesus taught us to pray “Dear Father” and in His Aramaic language it is really “Abba” or “Daddy.” “Abba” is still the first word taught to children in the countries of Lebanon, Syria, and Jordan. This word has persevered through the centuries as the language today is Arabic! “Abba” is a term of a toddler that is personal and includes a meaning of respect. Kids don’t worry about impressing people when they talk to their dad. Instead of sounding cool, correct or complex – how about just having an honest, loving talk with your dad?

Finally, prayer should be passionate! God’s word says

How would it change the way you pray if you really saw God as your heavenly Dad who wants you to crawl up in His lap every day to grow closer to Him?

Is there something between you and your earthly father that is distorting your perspective of your heavenly Father?



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His children should “cry out”! God feels more deeply than anyone and He created us with emotions that He wants us to express to Him! God not only can handle your emotions, He enjoys you being real with Him! How desperately do you want to know your Father and put a smile on His face? When you are hurting, confused, discouraged or excited – “cry out” to Him! Who are you really praying to? Jesus taught us to pray to our Dad!

Prayer

Father, thank you for allowing me to be in your awesome family! As my “Dad” remind me to prioritize my relationship with you before my requests to you. Help me to make you proud and be more like Jesus. In His matchless, marvelous name. Amen.

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