

## THIS AIN'T NOTHIN' BUT SOME BREAD

Matthew 6:5-11

In ministry, it is important to have an opportunity to be mentored by a man or woman of God who reflects a level of anointing to which you aspire. Joshua had Moses; Elisha had Elijah; Timothy had Paul, and so on. Imagine what it would have been like to have had the opportunity that was afforded the disciples of Jesus... to walk daily with the Master. They practically lived with Him twenty-four hours a day for three and one-half years. After careful observation of His life patterns, they undoubtedly noticed that, before anything miraculous took place, He always followed a similar flow. Jesus would separate Himself for a moment and pray. As good students they said, "Hey, Jesus, teach us how to do that!" So, He does!

### PRAYER: THE POWER TO SUCCEED

**A. Don't pray like \_\_\_\_\_.** vs 5-8

How do hypocrites pray? Hypocritical praying is all about what you look like in the spotlight. We've all experienced that professional pray-er that just "WOWS" the crowd with super-pious, well-rehearsed phrases. Jesus says, "Don't mess around like that!" Come to God realizing that He ALREADY knows what you need but asks you to agree with Him by asking in faith. Prayer is not simply a petition; it's a PROGRESSION, where God begins to bless you based upon your obedience to His Word (Matthew 7:7).

**B. Talk to God as you would your \_\_\_\_\_.** vs 9a

God is "Abba" (Daddy, Papa). As your Parent, you understand that everything He has He wants to give to you ... daily!

**C. Recognize the line of \_\_\_\_\_.** vs 9b

God does everything in order. Everything flows down from the head (Psalm 133:1-2). He's not your co-pilot or business partner. He's **over you** ... daily!

**D. \_\_\_\_\_ Him.** vs 9c

The first step is knowing *who* He is... Papa. The second step is knowing *where* He is... over me. The third step is praising Him for who He is and where He is ... daily!

**E. Acknowledge His \_\_\_\_\_.** vs 10

His Kingdom can exist in your life right now ... daily!

**F. Ask for your " \_\_\_\_\_ " to be shaken.** vs 11

God has *NEW* bread for us ... daily! New Bread is different bread. It may not be like the last bread He gave us. Throughout the Scripture, God seemed to delight in challenging status quo operations. (ex. Exodus 16, II Kings 5, John 9) According to my experience, He still does! Everything that stands in the way of your accomplishing the purpose of the Kingdom coming in your life as it is in Heaven is bread for you (Numbers 13:26-14:9). Eat it up! It's nourishment for Kingdom Kids! The bigger the problem ... the bigger the loaf! Pass the butter, please!