

# Dream, Pray, Build

90 Days of Prayer

*At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, 'Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?' Then he called a little child over to sit among the disciples and said 'I assure you that if you don't turn your lives around and become like this little child, you will definitely not enter the kingdom of heaven.*

*Those who humble themselves like this little child will be the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.*

Matthew 18:1-4

We are over half way into our 90 Days of Prayer. We've learned 'You Are Not Doing It Wrong' as well as some different methods to enrich our prayer lives. These are wonderful tools, but at times prayer can still be a difficult discipline and it's helpful to change our perspective. Sometimes when I'm having trouble beginning to pray, I need to be reminded that God is absolutely delighted anytime I turn my attention and focus to Him. I imagine Him with a big smile on His face, welcoming me into His presence. Just like children delight us with their smiles, hugs, and love, God delights in the time we spend with Him.

Jesus wants us to have a child-like faith, but not a childish faith. What can we learn from children about growing in our relationship with Jesus? Children trust completely and love others, assuming the best rather than the worst. Children believe without boundaries and aren't worried about appearing crazy to others. Children are curious and aren't afraid of the answers or of looking dumb.

An article written by Steven Cribbs states that everything you need to know about prayer can be learned from a kid and gives a list of fifteen insights from children:

- It is okay to pray about anything and everything – even your pet goldfish that must be bored because all he does is swim around in circles.
- God has a sense of humor and it is okay to laugh when you pray.
- Prayers do not need a lot of words. In fact, if it is a group prayer, too many words will bore everyone else – either putting them to sleep or sending them into their own giggly conversation (I wonder, does that include God?).

- You must pray about whatever just happened – even if it is the belch that the person next to you just let out.
- It's sometimes necessary to pray for the same thing over and over and over again (just don't forget #4).
- It's okay to repeat the prayer that someone else just prayed.
- You don't always need real words to pray (just ask my two-year-old that prays with a mixture of words that I understand and sounds that I don't – although, you can always decipher her "Dear Jesus"!).
- Sometimes shouting your prayer is the best way to go and sometimes you need to say it so quietly that no one can hear you.
- Prayer still works if you are running while you pray (just don't run with scissors or you will be scolded).
- You don't need to know all the details to pray a powerful prayer for someone or some situation.
- You can pray for your brother to be nicer to you.
- You can pray for help being respectful to your parents (and everyone else).
- You can pray when you are happy, sad, hurt, scared, and excited.
- You can pray for the power of God to be in you.
- And, Talking To God Changes Things!

## Week 8 – Specific Prayers

1. Vision for the Church that God wants for our children and the next generation.
2. Vision for what a truly accessible church looks like in the community.

## HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE



- Sign up to receive a daily text reminder at 7PM to pray for the future of Vine church!



- Contribute to the Vine Church Weaving - in the worship you can weave your piece of ribbon or yarn, pray for our church, our ministries, our future—or you can engage a virtual version using the QR code.

