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Fellowship with the Father Prayer: Faith Expressed

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The Pattern of Prayer: Luke 11:2-4

- Father!
- Holy is Your Name!
- Your Kingdom come!

- Daily bread (v. 3)
- Forgiveness (v. 4a)
- Temptation (v. 4b)

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The unique secret of the life in Christ is the exchanged life.

- We don't live our own lives, we live the life of another, or more accurately, another lives His life through us. **Luke 9:23; Gal. 2:20**
- Unless we understand this, we are still living in Christian diapers
- **John 14:12** – Jesus working through us.
 - Where's the catch?
 - Can Jesus really be meaning what He says?
- What He is not saying: **WWJD**
 - He is not comparing our labors now with His labors then
 - He is not saying that we are really going to transcend what He accomplished as the Son of God incarnate.
 - Raising the dead; healing the sick; opening the eyes of the blind; delivering people from demon possession; (Physical needs)
 - Sermon on the mount; the parables; mysterious, marvelous truths; (Truth acted on in the flesh)

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- Did it not seem as though His miracles on Earth were of very little value?
- Single verses Multiple – **John 12:24**
 - Jesus, in His humanity, was limited to a single place – *alone* – where He was physically.
 - But in His resurrection, He is accessible to everyone, everywhere, all the time.
- How is this true?
 - "because I go to the Father" **v. 12**
- What then is He saying?
 - Because of His resurrection, He will do through us greater works that He did as the incarnate Christ living among men.
 - It is not we, but He who will do these greater works – and He will do them through us!

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- But this is conditional!
 - What's the condition?
 - Faith! **v.12**
 - "he who *believes* in Me" (NAS)
 - "anyone who has *faith* in Me" (NIV)
 - Faith/Believes – present active tense
 - Not just "any" Christian
 - "The person who continually *believes* in Me"
 - If faith is not followed with obedience, it is not faith, only belief.
 - **Hebrews 4:2-3** – faith, acting on Truth. **James 2**
 - "When faith becomes obedience then it is true faith indeed" (A.W. Tozer, *The Pursuit of Man*)
- **Matthew 5:13-16** – salt and light
 - Salt – Truth obeyed
 - Light – Truth revealed

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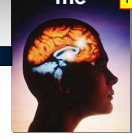
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- What Truth has the Lord revealed to you that you have integrated into your life?
- What Truth has He given you that you are more cautious or hesitant to integrate into your life?
- How can we as a fellowship help you move into rest in this area of revealed Truth?