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Fellowship *with the Father*
 Prayer: Fall Summary
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Prayer: Summary

1. **Why Pray? (Luke 18:1-8)**
 - We must learn that we only have two choices in everything: to *pray* or to *loose heart*.
 - "when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on the earth?"
 - Prayer is the expression of faith!
2. **Worship and Praise.**
 - Worship is recognizing that God is God and that I am not.
 - Bowing my heart to Him as Lord and God.
 - **John 20:28** - "My Lord and my God."
 - Praise is always active, assertive, demonstrative, and open.
 - Praise is then worship of God that is vocal, audible, or visible.
3. **The Nature of Prayer (Luke 18:9-14)**
 - The Publican: "be propitiated to me" or, "God, having had your justness satisfied through the death of Your Son, Lord, now show me Your love."
 - True Prayer is an expression of our helplessness, an awareness of needs that only God can meet.

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4. **Jesus, Teach Me to Pray (Luke 11:1)**
 - Discouragement, anxiety, fear, guilt, lust, gossip, complaining, and despair... all fruit of the flesh! (Rom 8)
 - We are far too fixated on ourselves, and not on Him.
 - **Hebrews 12:1-2** - "Looking away unto Jesus"
 - Jesus never once took His eyes off His Father!
5. **The Pattern of Prayer (Luke 11:1-4)**
 1. *Father*
 2. **Hallowed be Thy Name**
 - When we pray, "hallowed be Thy name," we are praying, "may the whole of my life be a source of delight to You and may it be an honor to the name which I bear, which is Your name"
 3. *Thy kingdom come*
 4. *Daily bread (v. 3)*
 5. *Forgiveness (v. 4a)*
 6. *Temptation (v. 4b)*

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6. **In Jesus Name (John 14:13)**
 - "Whatever you need to carry out My Father's will - to bring glory to His Name - you have My authority, just ask for it and it will be done by Me."
7. **The Promised Helper (John 14:15-17)**
 - The Comforter: Comfort that strengthens!
 - The Spirit of the Truth:
 - **John 16:13** - "He will guide you into all truth"
 - **Ephesians 1:17-19** - "that you may know"
8. **The True Lord's Prayer (John 17:1-3)**
 1. **Now is the time:** "the hour (time) has come"
 - **2 Corinthians 4:16-18!** Light afflictions are moments of abounding opportunity!
 2. **Continuous Giving.**
 - "glorify Thy Son, that the Son may glorify Thee,"
 3. **Intimate Communion.** "And this is eternal life,"
 - Eternal life is *knowing* the only true God, and Jesus, no more, no less.
 - Knowing another person means the end of loneliness. It means a sympathizing heart, someone to whom we may tell our problems and who will share our joys and woes. Someone who sees me for who I am. There is no quality in life like it

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Prayer: The Challenge

"I don't have time to pray"

Unless we get serious about our prayer life and enter into it as a vital discipline, we will remain in mediocrity.