

KINGDOM

Living

A MESSAGE THAT CHANGED THE WORLD

SERMON NOTES

November 5, 2023

Speaker: Dr. Brian Bennett

Kingdom Living: "It's Like Breathing"

[Matthew 6:5-18]

Prayer " _____ " to a Christ follower.

[Matthew 6:5-8]

- Prayer isn't about _____. It is about recognizing who we are in relationship with.
- Prayer deepens _____ and trust.

Fasting is like putting on an " _____ " to a Christ follower.

[Matthew 6:16-18; 9:14-17]

- Fasting isn't suggested. It is _____, and it is our "secret sauce".
- Fasting deepens _____ and renewal.

So how do you pray?

[Matthew 6:9-15]

- Focus first on the _____:
 - _____: God's reputation, rule, and will.
- Focus second on _____:
 - _____: Give us, forgive us, lead us, deliver us.
 - _____: Daily bread, debts, temptation, evil.

Next Step Question:

- Have you been baptized as a part of your life with Jesus?
- Will you practice prayer and fasting as a part of "kingdom living"?
- Are you traveling light today? What do you need to lay down?

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OCTOBER 22 – 28, 2023

FINANCIALS

Weekly Tithe \$25,513.27

Weekly Goal \$41,327

YTD Income \$1,599,903.47

YTD Expenses \$1,692,350.40

Deficit (\$92,446.93)

Roof Contributions \$43,724.38

Roof Goal Amount \$500,000

CONNECT

Total Worship Attendance: 1111

Online: 159

In person: 952

Kids: 178

Next Gen: 265

Salvations (YTD): 239

GROW

Baptisms (YTD): 52

Discipleship Groups: 388

SERVE

People Fed at Food Pantry: 48

Weekly Volunteers: 267



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LIFEGROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Note: 1, 7 and 8 are general weekly questions asked at Pathway.

1. How is God at work in and around your life?
2. When you hear the idea that prayer “is like breathing” to the Christian what comes to mind? Explain.
3. Read Matthew 6:5-18. What was the issue Jesus was addressing with how people were praying at that time? How is this freeing to us today?
4. What has been your journey with prayer and fasting as a Christian?
5. What is the temperature of your current prayer life? Explain.
6. Review and respond to the last section (see below) on “so how do you pray?” (Matthew 6:9-15). How does this encourage and/or challenge your prayer life today?
 - **Focus first on the Father:**
 - i.Why: God’s reputation, rule, and will.
 - **Focus second on your needs:**
 - i.How: Give us, forgive us, lead us, deliver us.
 - ii.What: Daily bread, debts, temptation, evil.
7. How did you answer the next step questions from the message?
8. How can we pray for you and support you this week?
9. Group challenge: Spend extra time in prayer together as a group this week using what you learned/discussed today.

Note for life group leaders: if you need additional support or resources due to the depth of the verses and topics covered don’t hesitate to reach out: brianb@pathwayvb.com