

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONNECT GROUPS: Join a “Pray At Your Own Risk” Connect Group! There is a group for everyone, with meeting times throughout the week. Don’t miss this opportunity to connect to Jesus and each other while diving deeper into this series on prayer. For more information and to sign up, scan the QR or contact lindsey@theconnecting.co with any questions.



TCCO KIDS PARENTS: All parents of kids 5th grade & under, be sure to look for an email that will be sent later today (always on the 1st Sunday of each month), with info on what your child is currently learning in TCCO Kids. It includes the memory verse of the month (so you can help them practice at home), activities and ideas for ways to continue the conversation and engage with your child about the Bible stories they are learning, and any other important TCCO Kids info. Also, parents of 2yr olds-5th graders, make sure you are getting the handout from your child’s teacher at pick-up time each Sunday with more resources for you! Contact elaine@theconnecting.co with any questions.

LUNCH WITH THE STAFF: Our Winter Semester LWTS is scheduled for Sun. 1/25, 12:30-2:00pm. This event is important for anyone who has never attended one or is new to TCCO in the last 6-12 months. LWTS is a great opportunity to hear our heart and more of our story as a church; to learn about our mission, vision, and core values; to connect with and meet our staff and some of our leadership team; to ask any questions; and to get more connected. Lunch and childcare for 5th grade and under (by request only) is provided. Please use the QR code below to RSVP no later than Wed. 1/21. Contact brittany@theconnecting.co with any questions.

TCCO STUDENTS+ CEREAL PALOOZA NIGHT!!! All 6th-12th grade students are invited to join us on Wed. 1/27 for our next TCCO Students+ Night, 6:30-8:30pm; doors open at 6:15pm. Join us for a fun evening filled with eating all your favorite cereals, games, and learning how it all connects to God’s love for us! Plan to be there and invite all your friends to join you! Contact Pastor Walter at walter@theconnecting.co with any questions!

TCCO’S 2026 MARRIAGE CONFERENCE: Sat. 3/28, 9:00am-4:30pm at The View at Hillside Barn in Sapulpa. You can expect practical teachings, powerful worship, and an environment that is fun, engaging, and inspiring! Registration will open NEXT SUN. 1/11. Use the link/QR code to register no later than Sun. 3/15, or before all 150 spots are taken! Be sure to enter “2 people” when you register. Cost is \$100 per person and includes all meals, snacks, drinks, and all conference sessions, activities and materials. All engaged & married couples are welcome! Contact Brittany@theconnecting.co for more information or with any questions. You will not want to miss this! We believe having the marriage you always dreamed of is possible, as you learn to do marriage God’s way!

SAVE THE DATE

Wed. 1/7, TCCO Students New Semester Kick-Off, 6:30pm



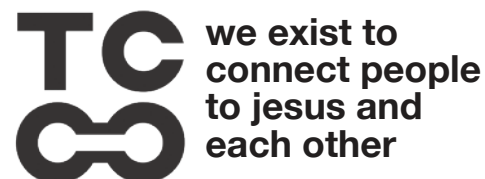
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PRAY AT YOUR OWN RISK

Week 1

“Does Prayer Really Work?”

Travis Cherry



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_____ assumes that there is a _____ present.

_____ even proves..._____ changes us!

Philippians 4:6–7 — ⁶ *Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.* ⁷ *And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

We know as believers that prayer does not remove _____, but it does certainly _____ it.

“Those who have a ‘_____’ to live can bear almost any ‘_____’.” — Viktor Frankl

Science requires _____...while prayer assumes _____.

James 4:15 — *You ought to say, If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that.*

Science shows that prayer _____ the _____ who prays while scripture reveals to us that prayer also _____ God to _____.

Science studies _____...while prayer trusts the _____.

Deuteronomy 11:13–14 — ¹³ *And if you will indeed obey my commandments that I command you today, to love the LORD your God and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul,* ¹⁴ *he will give the rain for your land in its season, the early rain and the later rain, that you may gather in your grain and your wine and your oil.*

_____ prayer can sometimes look or feel like _____ to some, until you realize it is _____.

Genesis 32:26b — *“I will not let you go unless you bless me.”*

Luke 18:1 — *And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart.*

Matthew 7:11 — *If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him.*

“_____ does not fit us for the greater work; prayer is the _____.” — Oswald Chambers

Ephesians 3:20 — *Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us,*

The _____ is not God’s _____! The _____ is often our lack of _____ to ask and imagine!

“God is looking for _____ through whom He can do the _____. What a tragedy that we plan only the things we can do by _____.” — A.W. Tozer

3 Truths From Scripture About Prayer:

1. GOD _____ BOLD _____

Matthew 7:7 — *Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.*

James 4:2b — *You do not have, because you do not ask.*

Bold asking is not _____...it is _____.

“To be a Christian without _____ is no more possible than to be alive without _____.” — Martin Luther

2. GOD-SIZED _____ BEGIN WITH _____...NOT _____

Psalms 37:4 — *Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.*

God-sized dreams are not _____...they are something _____. They always begin with _____, not some kind of _____.

Romans 12:1 — *I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.*

“Prayer is the open admission that without _____ we can do _____.” — John Piper

3. THE _____ OF PRAYER IS _____

God often _____ the _____ praying before He ever changes the _____ being prayed for.

Prayer is all about _____ our hearts and will with God’s _____ and _____.

Hebrews 11:6 — *And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.*

The greatest _____ of prayer is not _____...it is full _____ and total _____!

James 5:16 — *Therefore, confess your sins to one another that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.*