



# Kingdom Sized Prayers

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***“Your Kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as it is in Heaven.”***

Matthew 6:10 NIV

## The Kingdom of God

Jesus’ central message was about the Kingdom of God.

It was the first thing He said when He began His public ministry:  
*“Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven has come near.”*

Matthew 4:17b NIV

It was the last thing He spoke about with His disciples before He ascended. *He appeared to them over a period of 40 days and spoke about the kingdom of God.*

Acts 3:1b NIV

We cannot understand Jesus’ ministry without a growing understanding about His central message, the Kingdom of God. Kingdom prayers are focused on God, developing an intimate relationship with Him.

Jesus modeled intimate Kingdom praying. Jesus grew in wisdom and favour with God and people, which is kind of hard to comprehend because He was sinless. There is a difference between God’s love and God’s favour.

*“And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.”*  
Luke 2:52 NIV

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## What Does God’s Favour Look Like?

In Acts Chapters 1 and 2, the Spirit of God is poured out, but what preceded that is **Acts 1:14** ***“They all joined together constantly in prayer...”*** The Jesus followers were claiming the promises of God, and then the Spirit of God was poured out. **Kingdom prayer starts and ends with pursuing deeper intimacy with God the Father and more of His presence in our lives.** The early disciples learned this from Jesus, and they prayed like Him. While He was with them, He would often go out on His own and meet with the Father.

## Kingdom Prayers with Kingdom Motives

The Apostle James makes a very important statement when he says, *“...You do not have, because you do not ask God. When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.”*

James 4:2-3 NIV

## Two Kingdom Motives

1. **We must pray for God’s glory, not ours.**  
This isn’t about you or me. This isn’t so people are taking notice of us or thinking we are spiritual. Jesus warned us not to pray like the hypocrites who prayed so they could be noticed by others (Matthew 6:5). We pray so that God will be seen. We have to guard against self centred motives.
2. **We must persist in praying with the right motives.**  
Remember, it’s not about us, it’s about Jesus and that takes the pressure away. When you pray for someone and they don’t get healed you might start thinking, praying like this doesn’t work. I’m not going to pray like this anymore - that means you are not praying for God’s glory. We need to call that what it is, sin, and repent of it.

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## The Kingdom Battlefield

*"From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has been subjected to violence, and violent people have been raiding it".*

Matthew 11:12 NIV

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## Put on the Armour of God (Ephesians 6:10-18)

*"And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even when faced with death."*

Revelation 12:11 NASB

It can be dangerous to pray Kingdom sized prayers, but it's more dangerous not to. Some day we will appear before the judgement seat of Christ. (2 Corinthians 5:10)

**Let's pray Kingdom sized prayers!**

## Small Group Questions

1. Why is it important to understand what Jesus meant when He spoke about the Kingdom of God?
2. What are Kingdom of God prayers focused on?
3. What are your thoughts about having an "intimate" relationship with God? Are you comfortable with calling God the Father "Abba"?
4. How do we get God's favour?
5. Do you check your motives when you are praying?  
*(Greg talked about Kingdom prayers needing to have a Kingdom motivation).*
6. Why are the motives of our prayers important?
7. Do you prepare yourself for spiritual battle?  
*(Greg talked about the Armour of God)*