



Today ... "What's the point to ..."

What do you think about when you ponder prayer?

How is prayer a mystery?

When do you feel the need for prayer in your life?

Our most impassioned & effective prayers take place at the point of our _____ in our deepest moment of _____.

My reflections from God's response to Job (ch. 38) ...

Prayer connects my _____ with God's

- > it helps me see the _____ about His Kingdom
- > it reveals _____ for my life
- > it aligns my _____ to His will

Encounter these verses today:

circle words that you identify with, underline phrases or sentences you'd like to remember, write questions about the passage out to the side

Job 38:4-13 [The Lord Speaks] NIV

- ⁴ "Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation? Tell me, if you understand.
- ⁵ Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know! Who stretched a measuring line across it?
- ⁶ On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone-
- ⁷ while the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy?
- ⁸ "Who shut up the sea behind doors when it burst forth from the womb,
- ⁹ when I made the clouds its garment and wrapped it in thick darkness,
- ¹⁰ when I fixed limits for it and set its doors and bars in place,
- ¹¹ when I said, 'This far you may come and no farther; here is where your proud waves halt'?
- ¹² "Have you ever given orders to the morning, or shown the dawn its place,
- ¹³ that it might take the earth by the edges and shake the wicked out of it?

Psalms 13 [NIV]

- ¹ How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me?
- ² How long must I wrestle with my thoughts and every day have sorrow in my heart? How long will my enemy triumph over me?
- ³ Look on me and answer, O LORD my God. Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death;
- ⁴ my enemy will say, "I have overcome him," and my foes will rejoice when I fall.
- ⁵ But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation.
- ⁶ I will sing to the LORD, for he has been good to me.

Digging Deeper this week ...

If you would like to take today's teaching to the next level, then start digging! Ask yourself the following questions ...

- 1) When was the last time you really prayed? What was your motivation?
- 2) Can you remember a time that the Lord revealed something to you in prayer?

Read Luke 18 in your personal time.

- 3) What does the Lord reveal to you about prayer in these stories?

Find a time each day that you spend at least 5 minutes in prayer.

Include in your prayers ...

- praise & thanksgiving** for the blessings in your life
- a desire to see God's plan** for your life and the life of your family
- for protection and provision** because all things come from God's hands
- for the needs of others** as they go through challenging times

