

TALK IT OVER

Next Move

BOTTOM LINE

Prayer is letting go of selfprotection and self-gratification.

CONVERSATION STARTER

What has been a reason for gratitude so far this year?

THINGS TO CONSIDER

What did you hear?

What do you think?

What will you do?

RESOURCES

- The Daily: <u>newpointeorg/daily</u>
- Forgiveness: an animation Forgiveness for us and others

KEY VERSES AND QUOTES

Keep falsehood and lies far from me; give me neither poverty nor riches, but give me only my daily bread. Otherwise, I may have too much and disown you and say, "Who is the LORD?" Or I may become poor and steal, and so dishonor the name of my God. Proverbs 30:8-9 NIV

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. Ephesians 4:32 NIV

No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it. 1 Corinthians 10:13 NIV

"Embracing 'Thy will be done' will introduce you to a world that you will never experience otherwise ... There is really no point in continuing until you are willing to prioritize His will over your own. Everything that follows assumes surrender." – Dwight Mason

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Is it easier for you to pray to Jesus or God, the Father? Explain. If you struggle with God as your Father, you will struggle with everything else that follows in the prayer. Discuss. Why is this foundational to our surrender and trust? We usually don't come to God to surrender; we usually come to be rescued from something we would have avoided had we surrendered. Agree/disagree? Why? Surrender is an invitation to a way of life that can be experienced in no other way. How have you experienced this? Why do you think for most of us it still continues to be a struggle? Jesus taught us to pray from provision, pardon, and protection. How is each of those dependent on our surrender? Do you genuinely want to be delivered from temptation? We lead ourselves into temptation and then ask God to deliver us from evil. Tough question: How is God speaking to you about your daily surrender in these areas?

ACTION STEP

Surrender is so basic and challenging. I will disconnect daily and connect with my Father, beginning with daily surrender: _____

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