

CONVERSATIONS *with God*

PRAYER GUIDE #1

"Call to me and I will answer you and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known." Jeremiah 33:3

**"I WILL
ANSWER
YOU."**

Prayer is a relational conversation with God. A dialogue not a monologue.

While these conversations do not all look the same or have the same purpose in mind, if we do not understand that prayer is meant to be relational, then prayer is reduced to a wish list, a last resort, or words said on religious occasions. There is little if any meaningful connection with God, and most certainly no conversation!

View the following prayer guide as a conversation starter - a way to help you learn to listen and not just talk.

Speaking out loud with God as you pray is a great way for you realize you are engaged in a conversation. So, start by saying out loud,

"Jesus, I have some things I want to talk with you about. I've been told it is best to begin by asking you what you know we need to talk about first. Please speak with me."

Because the Bible is the living Word of God, reading His Word before you talk allows God speak first. Read out loud the verse/passage recommended for the topic of conversation.

Respond out loud to what you just read.

"What I think I am hearing you say to me is _____ Is that right?"

You will have a sense of yes/no/not sure. If you have a sense of no or not sure, ask again. If you continue to have a sense of no/not sure, tell Him you want to understand, but don't. Ask Him to show you what you are missing moving forward.

If what you heard is clear to you, then ask out loud,

"How do I apply what you said?"

You will have thoughts like:

Forgive the offender/yourself and work thru the hurt, make a change in schedule, think about this different, attitude adjustment needed, slow down and breath, stop and listen, get moving, keep moving, confront in love, be kind, trust me, stop being selfish, play more, play less, speaking with _____ about me, etc.

THE MAIN IDEA:

Prayer is a conversation with God!
He is showing you what you need to know for all relationships to be better – with Him, yourself, and others!

Recommended Out Loud Response, "Ok, I'll do that starting now!"

When God speaks, you have a decision to make concerning what He has said. This is not about waiting until you feel like it or understand it. You choose this day to believe what God says or not. You choose this day to do what God says or not.

Now ask out loud,

"Is there something else you know we need to talk about next, or is it time for us to talk about what has been on my mind?"

Proceed accordingly.