



40 *days of*
Prayer

Who Do You Think
You're Talking To?

Mystery Phone Calls

- Have you ever gotten a phone call and not known who is on the other end? Doesn't it impact the conversation?

What Happens to Our Prayers When We Really Know God?

- Our prayers can be genuine
 - Our prayers can be personal
 - Our prayers can be wholehearted
 - Our prayers can be specific
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- **Your understanding of what God is really like shapes everything else in your life, including your prayer**

What is God Like?

- Omniscient - God is all knowing
- Omnipotent - God is all powerful
- Omnipresent - God is in all places

Characteristics of God

- God is holy
- God is just
- God is kind
- God is loving
- God is faithful

God is GOOD

- **For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations. Psalm 100:5**
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- God is good - pure and simple
- God's goodness gives us reason to pray
- God's goodness is the source of all good
- God's goodness is not forced on us

His Plans for My Life are Always Good

- **For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11**
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- God has a plan for every person
- God has a purpose for every person
- God's plans are revealed through prayer

His Plans are Good

- **And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28**
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- **If God provides for the greatest needs of our lives - the sin problem, why would He not take care of every other need in our life?**

God Does Not Give Me What I Deserve

- **¹⁰ he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. ¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; ¹² as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. Psalm 103:10-12**
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- Our sins deserve death
- Jesus died for our penalty
- Our sins are distantly removed from us

God always puts my good
above His own good

- God is always faithful
- God cares for our needs first
- God moves through our faith
- **¹⁴ "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me--
¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father--and I lay down my life for the sheep. John 10:14-15**

He Does Not Say Yes to Every Request

- **8 "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD. 9 "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. Isaiah 55:8-9**

Understanding God's Answers

- When the request is wrong and you are is wrong God says no
- When the request is right but the timing is wrong God says slow
- When the request is right and you are wrong God says grow
- When the request is right and you are right God says go

He Invites Us to Live with Him Forever

- **Restore us to yourself, O LORD, that we may return; renew our days as of old Lamentations 5:21**