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## Introduction

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Prayer is essential to our relationship with the Lord – in its basic form it is simply talking to our Heavenly Father about everything and we cannot spend too much time doing this. However, at the beginning of this booklet, it is also important to learn to allow time for Him to speak to us. When Jesus was on earth, He only did those things that His Father told Him to do. Most people do not have that experience, they do not hear God's audible voice, but some people do, My father was such a person. However, most people are like me when they say God speaks to them but what they experience is a strong impression in their spirit to do something and they know that it came from spending time with the Lord. This only comes from the discipline of waiting on the Lord. The Bible is full of instructions about prayer and how to pray. What I am writing about is basically what I do in private and not about praying in public which is another subject. The Hebrew word for prayer is tefillah (תפילה), which comes from the verb palal (פלל), meaning "to judge" or "to think." In this sense, prayer can be seen as a process of self-examination and reflection, as well as a way of communing with God.

The Greek word for prayer is proseuchomai (προσεύχομαι), which comes from the words pros (προς), meaning "toward," and echo (έχω), meaning

"to have." In this sense, prayer can be seen as an act of turning toward God and seeking His presence.

Both the Hebrew and Greek words for prayer emphasize the idea of communication with God. Prayer is not simply a matter of asking God for things; it is also a way of expressing our love and gratitude for Him, and of seeking His guidance and wisdom.

Here are some of the different types of prayer mentioned in the Bible, along with examples of scriptures:

**\*Worship\*** This type of prayer is focused on praising and glorifying God. It can be expressed through singing, dancing, or simply speaking words of adoration.

Examples of worship prayers can be found in **Psalms 145, 150, and Revelation 4-5.**

**\*Thanksgiving\*** This type of prayer is focused on expressing gratitude to God for all that He has done. It can be for specific things, such as answered prayers or blessings, or it can be a general expression of thanks for God's goodness.

Examples of thanksgiving prayers can be found in **1 Chronicles 16:34-35** and **Psalms 100:4.**

**\*Confession or Repentance\*** This type of prayer is focused on admitting our sins to God and asking for His forgiveness. It is an important part of our relationship with God, as it allows us to be cleansed from our sins and to grow in our relationship with Him.

Examples of confession prayers can be found in **Psalms 32:5** and **1 John 1:9.**

**\*Intercession\*** This type of prayer is focused on praying for others. It can be for specific people, such as a sick friend or family member, or it can be for a general group of people, such as those who are persecuted or in need.

Examples of intercession prayers can be found in **Daniel 9:1-27** and **1 Timothy 2:1-8.**

**\*Petition\*** This type of prayer is focused on asking God for something. It can be for anything, such as guidance, wisdom, or healing.

Examples of petition

prayers can be found in **Matthew 6:9-13** and **1 John 5:14-15**. **\*Blessing\*** This type of prayer is focused on praying God's blessing on others. It can be for specific people, such as a friend or family member, or it can be for a general group of people, such as those who are in need. Examples of blessing prayers can be found in **Numbers 6:24-26** and **Ephesians 1:3-14**. **\*The Lord's Prayer\*** This is how Jesus taught His disciples to pray and is found in **Matthew 6:9-13** and **Luke 11:1-4**. **\*Unison\*** This type of praying applies to when a group of people come to pray and an example of it is found in **Acts 4:24&31**. **\*Holy Spirit\*** This is when we speak in tongues (our Heavenly Language) to express our needs to the Lord, Examples of this are found in **Romans 8:26&27**, and **Ephesians 6:18a**. **\*Private\*** This is one of the most common ways of praying and is found in **Matthew 6:6**. These are just a few of the many different types of prayer mentioned in the Bible. Prayer is a personal and intimate conversation with God, and there is no right or wrong way to pray. The most important thing is to be sincere and to have a heart that is open to hearing from God.

The Bible mentions Jesus going to the mountain to pray at least 4 different times:

- **Matthew 14:23:** After feeding the 5,000, Jesus "went up on a mountainside by himself to pray."
- **Mark 6:46:** After sending the disciples out to preach, Jesus "went up on a mountainside by himself to pray."
- **Luke 6:12:** The night before choosing his 12 disciples, Jesus "spent the night praying to God."
- **Luke 9:28-36:** Jesus took Peter, James, and John up a high mountain to pray. While he was praying,



his appearance was transformed and he was joined by Moses and Elijah.

- **John 6:15:** After performing the miracle of the feeding of the 5,000, Jesus went up a mountainside to pray.

It is most probable that Jesus went to the mountain to pray on many other occasions that are not mentioned in the Bible. Mountains were often seen as holy places in the ancient world, and they were often used as places of prayer and worship. Jesus may have gone to the mountains to pray simply because he found them to be a quiet and peaceful place where he could focus on his relationship with His Heavenly Father.

We are encouraged to talk to the Lord as often as we can, **1 Thessalonians 5:17** says: *“Pray without ceasing”* This means as soon as I relax my first thought is to talk to the Lord. The Bible is very clear that we should never stop asking the Lord for help. **Luke 18:1** says: *“Then Jesus spoke a parable to them (His disciples) to this end, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart (give up)”* The timing of God’s answer is sometimes difficult to understand but when we are unsure, we keep coming to Him. **Psalm 100:4** instructs us to: *“Enter His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise, be thankful unto Him and bless His holy name”*. We must never forget what prayer is achieving, **James 5:16b** says: *“The effective fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much”*. Do not be afraid to continually pray about situations In **Luke 11:9** Jesus said *“And I say to you ask, and it will be given to you, seek, and you will find, knock, and it will be opened to you”*. **Philippians 4:6** says *“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving; let your requests be made*

*known to God". There is so much more that could be said, but this is sufficient to encourage you to continually talk to the Lord, one final scripture is **Ephesians 6:18a** "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit".*

## Chapter 1 Unison Praying

Before 1979 I had never heard of or experienced Unison Praying. Before that time Church Prayer meetings usually consisted of singing a couple of choruses followed by a brief Bible study, then the prayer needs would be announced and then individuals would stand up and pray for various lengths of time, most people prayed for a longer time than I was able so I usually went home feeling I was not as good as Christian like most people. This all changed when the Dandenong Church appointed Pastor Tim Hall as the Senior Pastor. After he had been there about one month, he announced one Sunday Morning that next Friday night would be "Powerhouse Prayer" commencing at 7 O'clock. I had never heard the expression of "Powerhouse Prayer" before so I could not wait to see what was going to happen. At first, we sang a couple of worship choruses and then Pastor Tim explained that effective corporate prayer was not passive but aggressive and done in unison. When we were ready to pray, he explained that we were all going to march in line around the inside of the Church. The Church had two aisles, so we could march up one aisle go through the foyer and go down the other aisle then across the front of the church in front of the platform. Also, there was a large whiteboard where people were encouraged to write their needs Also Ps Tim would write a number on the top right-hand corner which represented the number of people that was expected to be saved next Sunday. This was something new because there had only been a couple of people saved over the last few years.

Pastor Tim made it very clear that the purpose of coming together this way was to pray for and believe that

God would send revival to the church. At first, the meetings lasted about 2 hours but later on, it was not uncommon to last 5 hrs. At first, nothing seemed to happen except we were now used to praying this way and it was surprising how quickly the time seemed to go. For the first 4 months, nothing seemed to happen except we were starting to experience the presence of the Lord in a new and precious way and then we started to experience this presence during the worship time at the Sunday meetings. Then came the breakthrough one Sunday several people responded to the invitation to be saved and from that time on people were being saved every Sunday. Over the next 3 years, the church grew from 65 people to over 600 people with the limiting factor being the capacity of the Dandenong Town Hall. Today the Church at Dandenong has grown to over 3000 people. Pastor Tim used many scriptures to teach the people how to aggressively pray in unison and now I want to look at a few of these. During this time, I learned to pray in tongues (My Heavenly Language) for an extended period and this is how I pray most of the time. Also, I learned to sing in the Spirit when worshipping the Lord and today sadly this is still a missing element of worship. Over the years I have not experienced anything like the 'Dandenong move of God' and have asked the Lord on many occasions if that was a one-off experience which I am most thankful to have experienced or "What was the Purpose?" and I believe the Lord has said to me that when He moves again, I am in a position to encourage people to seek Him more and to be open for new things to happen. I am so excited because I see the beginning of the real move of God at Highway Church Ormeau and look forward

with great anticipation believing the new move of God has just begun.

After the flood, God told Noah and his family that He would not flood the earth again and as a sign of that promise He placed a rainbow in the sky to remind the people of His promise. Also, God told Noah's sons not to settle in one place but to move to various places. In Chapter 11 we read that they disobeyed God and did not believe Him and came and lived together.

**Genesis 11:4** says: *"And they said, 'Come, let us build for ourselves a city, and a tower whose top is in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the earth'"*. This was total defiance against God, mankind believed that they were better than God and could live as they pleased. Nothing has changed mankind still wants to defy God and do their own thing. Now we come to a most significant observation by God in **Genesis 11:6** we read: *"And the Lord said, 'Indeed the people are one and they all have the same language, and this is what they begin to do, and nothing that they purpose to do will be withheld from them'"*. It is so important to understand that God acknowledged that when a group of people become one nothing can stop them, this is important in understanding the significance of unison praying when a group of people become one great things happen. God stepped in and confused the people by changing their language so they were stopped from being one.

The army uses this principle of being one to train new soldiers, they are trained to sound off together as they march together. An adage says: "A champion team will always beat a team of champions ".

Next, God explains this principle in **Psalms 133, Verse 1** says: *"How good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell in unity "*. Unison is not unity, but unison can

lead to unity. **Verse 3** says. *“For there the Lord commanded the blessing – life for evermore ”*. Unity is more than just saying the same thing – it is a spiritual binding together.

In the defeat of Jericho God performed a great victory in a normally impossible situation, and the victory was achieved without the army being involved. The people obeyed God’s instruction to Joshua. **Joshua 6:20** says: *“And it happened when the people heard the sound of the trumpets the people shouted with a great shout that the walls fell flat, then the people went into the city, every man straight before him and they took the city ”*.

In Judges Chapter 7 we see the defeat of the Midian army by supernatural means. Gideon started with 22,000 men and these with God’s instruction were reduced to 300 men. God used the unison cry of the 300 men to defeat the Midianites. **Judges 7:20&21** says: *“Then the three hundred blew their trumpets and broke the pitcher, and then cried the sword of the Lord and of Gideon, and every man stood his place around the camp, the whole army cried out and fled ”*.

In **2 Chronicles 20:1 -30**, we read about the time of King Jehosaphat’s reign over Judah the armies of Ammon, Moab and Mount Seir an army far greater than Judah attacked Judah. King Jehosaphat sought the Lord and he was instructed to send out in front of the army the singers. **Verse 22** says: *“Now when they began to sing and praise, (Lifting their voices together) the Lord set ambushes against the people of Ammon, Moab and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah; and were defeated.*

Jesus said in **Matthew 11:12** *“And from the days of John the Baptist until now the Kingdom of Heaven suffers violence and the violent takes it by force ”*. This is a scripture that is rarely mentioned but has great importance in

our understanding of 'How to pray?'. We know from other scriptures at times there is a battle that leads to fighting for God's plans. Daniel was told this by the Angel Gabriel, and while it is something that we do not major in, we must be aware that there are times when we fight to see God's greatness. This means there are times when we must be aggressive in our prayers. It is something that we do not need to do all the time but we should not hold back when it is needed. We must be willing to fight for Heavenly things which cannot be achieved by being passive. There have been some moral issues that have been lost because we were too passive. May we allow ourselves to be led by the Holy Spirit and fight for a move of God in these days?

The day of Pentecost is a good example of the effects of 'Unison Praying'. After Jesus was crucified and rose again on the third day the disciples hid behind closed doors and on the day, Jesus returned to heaven He told them to wait in Jerusalem for the Promise of the Father, they did not know what they were waiting for and how long they had to wait. So, they gathered together in the upper room to pray and waited for 10 days. Acts 2:1 says: "Now when the day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord (Together or in unison) in one place ". **Acts 2:4 &6a** say: *"And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together"*. That day they were changed forever, they were no longer afraid, they spoke boldly, and they made a loud noise – at times it is important not to be afraid of the noise of unison praying in tongues. As a result, 3000 souls were saved that day, any move of

the Holy Spirit will always result in people being saved.

The church in the Book of Acts prayed together, **Acts 4:24 & 31** says: *“They raised their voice to God and said,” “And when they prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and they spoke the Word with boldness”* The early church prayed aloud and was continually filled with the Holy Spirit. Today we need the freshness of the Holy Spirit flowing through us and impacting other people.

The final point is that it is good to pray with fervour, **James 5:16** says: *“The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much”*. The word ‘Effective’ means, ‘To be mighty in’, ‘To show forth’, and ‘To work effectively in’. Praying with fervour is an opportunity for the power of the Holy Spirit to flow through us.

## Summary

What I have written is not meant to be a formula to closely follow but the truth from God’s word which when acted upon in accordance with your special situation will bring forth God’s answer. I am so glad that I was exposed to this truth all those years ago and have used this principle in many different situations since. The truth of God’s Word is so powerful and when applied to the current situation His way, great Godly changes will take place. At this time, we are so desperate for God to move in a new and significant way again because God has a way for us to follow. Never forget the power of doing things together.



## Chapter 2 The Lord's Prayer

As Jesus was praying in a certain place one of His disciples said to Him teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples to pray. (**Luke 11:1**). **Matthew 6: 5 - 15** says: "And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. "This, then, is how you should pray: "'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.] For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.' For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins. NLT "When you pray, don't be like the hypocrites who love to pray publicly on street corners and in the synagogues where everyone can see them. I tell you the truth, that is all the reward they will ever get. But when you pray, go away by yourself, shut the door behind you, and pray to your Father in private. Then your Father, who sees everything, will reward you. "When you pray, don't babble on and on as the

Gentiles do. They think their prayers are answered merely by repeating their words again and again. 8 Don't be like them, for your Father knows exactly what you need even before you ask him! 9 Pray like this: Our Father in Heaven, may your name be kept holy. May your Kingdom come soon. May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us today the food we need, and forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us. And don't let us yield to temptation, but rescue us from the evil one. "If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sin". AMP "Also, when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to pray [publicly] standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets so that they may be seen by men. I assure you and most solemnly say to you they [already] have their reward in full. But when you pray, go into your most private room, close the door and pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees [what is done] in secret will reward you. "And when you pray, do not use meaningless repetition as the Gentiles do, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. So, do not be like them [praying as they do]; for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him. "Pray, then, in this way: Our Father, who is in heaven,] Hallowed be Your name. 'Your kingdom come; your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. 'Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we have forgiven our debtors [letting go of both the wrong and the resentment]. 'And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from] evil. [For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory

forever. Amen.]’ For if you forgive others their trespasses [their reckless and willful sins], your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others [nurturing your hurt and anger with the result that it interferes with your relationship with God], then your Father will not forgive your trespasses.

It is interesting that when the Disciples asked Jesus to teach them how to pray just like John the Baptist taught his disciples, the first thing that Jesus said was to warn His disciples not to be like the religious leaders of His day. He made it very clear that when they prayed it was not a religious act or being religious. Religion is when a man makes a set of rules to live by and so pleases God, and this is completely false and believing this only takes us away from having a personal relationship with the Lord. Being religious promotes the importance of man and tries to convince other people that they are superior to other people. Before I proceed any further this aspect of praying applies to personal prayer, not Corporate prayer which is different and is controlled by the God-given leadership of the church. Jesus makes it very clear that pride is not acceptable under any circumstance and Jesus is against any person who exhibits this type of behaviour. This is an area of our lives where we need to be careful because in **Romans 2:3** Paul says: *“For I say, Through the grace given me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each of you a measure of faith “*. Also, 1Peter 5:5 says: *“Likewise your younger people submit yourselves to your elders, yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble “*. The importance of this

cannot be overstated. Because highlights this behaviour as He starts to teach His disciples how to pray. We must not forget that any good thing that comes from us is God manifesting Himself through us. We must never believe that we are entitled just because of our close relationship with the Lord. Sadly, there have been situations where prominent people have brought shame to the church because they believed in their self-importance. Remember there is a great reward and effectiveness in our lives when we choose to be humble. Also, Jesus warned against vain repetitions as the ungodly do who think by their many words, they are heard which is not true.

After this warning of not being religious Jesus then said in Matthew 6:6 "But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray (talk) to your Father, who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly ". The main thing that Jesus taught is that prayer is personal and private, there is a danger because we see people at church speaking to God publicly, we believe that is how we should pray, this thinking is so wrong because effective prayer is private. We are reminded that when Jesus wanted to talk to His Father, He went up the mountain by Himself to talk with His heavenly Father. We should not forget that talking with someone is a two-way experience not one person doing all the talking. When we talk to our heavenly Father, we should take the time to learn to hear His voice and be encouraged by Him. It is interesting to look at Matthew's personal account versus what was repeated to Luke. One final observation is in **Matthew 6:8** where Jesus said: "*For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him* ". Jesus reminded His disciples and us that our Heavenly Father is waiting for us

to come to Him and talk about our situation because He already has the answer. He is waiting for us to trust Him with the outcome. There is one more thing about His relationship with His Father that needs to be looked at before we see what Jesus said about His relationship with His Heavenly Father before He taught His disciples what to say when they prayed. Jesus declared very clearly in **John 5: 16-47** that He only did what He saw His father doing. **John 5:19** says: *“Then Jesus answered and said to them, ‘Most assuredly I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner’”*. Also, **John 14:10** says: *“Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak of my own authority; but the Father who dwells in me does the works”*. Before Jesus was crucified and was in the garden in **Matthew 26:39** Jesus said to His Father 3 times “He went a little farther and fell on His face and prayed, saying ‘O my Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will “. It is so important that we understand the great relationship that Jesus had with His Heavenly Father. As we look at Luke’s account of the Lord’s Prayer there is a couple of things that need to be emphasized. Firstly, this all took place after Jesus had just spent time talking with His Heavenly Father, this is so important because Jesus had said that He only did what His Father told Him, this means that Jesus said to His disciples what His heavenly Father had told Him to say. Secondly, it was only one of His disciples who came to Him and asked Him to teach the disciples how to pray. This demonstrates the importance that Jesus places on each one of us. There are times when we can be tempted to think that I am not important to

God, this is a lie of Satan and is not true. Jesus taught how the shepherd left the 99 sheep to find the one sheep that was lost and when the lost sheep was found there was great rejoicing. We must never forget that Jesus died on the cross for me and as such am so important to Him.

Now let us look at what Jesus taught His disciples to say phrase by phrase.

## **OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN HALLOWED BE YOUR NAME.**

The first thing that Jesus says is “Our” – He includes me at the same level as Him. When I am born again, I become a child of God. As we pause and consider the significance of this, I realize that my salvation is so precious. I am amazed to think that Jesus sees me as part of His family. This is something we do not reflect on enough – the greatness of being born again. **Romans 8:16&17** says: *“The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs – heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified with Him ”*. There is a great release in our spirit when we fully understand that we are accepted by God. Because we have chosen to repent and live God’s way, we become joint heirs with Christ. We do not try to be because we are part of God’s family.

Next Jesus said “Our Father in Heaven”. Recognizing God as our father is significant. In Bible times the Father was the absolute authority of the family whose decisions could not be questioned. This fact is something that has been lost in today’s society because men do not take on the true role of being a father there is a danger that because our concept of a father is not

correct, we can begin to treat God as being similar to our earthly understanding. **John 3:16** says: *“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have Eternal life ”*. Sadly, we do not take the time to reflect on the Father’s great love for us. Because we get involved in the business of life, the Father’s love is not at the forefront of our thinking. This is why it is so important that we take our Salvation with such thankfulness. I am in awe and wonder when I take the time to look back over the past 69 years of being born again when I consider all that the Father has done for me.

Next Jesus said where His Father lived and that was Heaven, and the importance of this is easily overlooked. Heaven is the place of God’s domain where He has absolute authority and power that cannot be stopped and is without limit. Heaven is the place where we will finally live when the earth is dissolved. At times we forget the greatness of God, by His word He created everything Also we forget that when mankind was created, they were created in the image of God. When man sinned, he lost that close relationship that he once had with God, however, when Jesus paid the price for sin and was crucified on the cross and rose again on the third day, the power was forever broken so that we can have fellowship with God again. At times we do not live with the understanding but live by our understanding It is time to turn around our thinking and recognise the greatness of God.

Jesus went to say “Hallowed be your name”, Hallow is a word that we are not familiar with its meaning. ‘Hallow’ means to honour as pure and perfect. I am challenged by the fact that while I appreciate and understand the significance of Jesus and the Holy Spirit

deliberately honouring the Father is something that I rarely do and I realise that there is a source of absolute greatness that I have not acknowledged. It is interesting that when Jesus taught His disciples was to honour the purity and perfection of His Father. This is what Peter did in 1 Peter 1:3 where he said: “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ “. This suggests that everywhere we see the name ‘God’ it is referring to ‘The Father’. He is the one who created everything and as we are in awe of His handiwork may the extension of that awe result in us exalting the Father. He was the one who directed Jesus who was on Earth for that short time. Jesus returned to heaven so that the Holy Spirit would come and tell us the Father’s plan for our lives (**John 16:5 - 15**).

## **YOUR KINGDOM COME. YOUR WILL BE DONE AS IT IS IN HEAVEN.**

When I was writing chapter seven of “REFLECTIONS OF WHAT IS A MAN?” which is titled ‘MAN WHO IS BORN AGAIN PUTS GOD FIRST’ I quoted **Matthew 6:33** which says “*But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added unto you*”. As I wrote this verse, I was challenged by the fact that I did not completely understand the concept of a kingdom, for a kingdom is a country where the king has absolute control and dictates how the subjects of the kingdom will live. This idea is so foreign to me for I have been born and live in a democracy where I can choose the way that I want to live. **Psalms 47:2&7** NLT says “*For the Lord most high is awesome, He is the great King of all the earth. For God is the King over all the earth*”, These verses imply that if you



believe in God then the Kingdom of God is part of what you believe about God.

Vines Expository Dictionary defines THE KINGDOM OF GOD as firstly “The sphere of God’s rule” and secondly “The sphere where His rule is acknowledged”. There is no question of the truth of the first definition however the purpose of this writing is to explore to understand the second definition and how it applies to the way that I live.

Jesus used parables to explain the truth of the Kingdom of God. There are 11 parables recorded in the book of Matthew with 2 parables repeated in the book of Mark and Luke. Vines Expository Dictionary defines a parable as a story using earthly (common) things to give spiritual meaning with two dangers, firstly ignoring the important feature and secondly trying to make all the features mean something. Paul also uses the phrase ‘The Kingdom of God’ at least 17 times in the Epistles that he wrote. It is important to follow the sequence of the teaching of the disciples by Jesus. Firstly, He explains that they are one with Him and His Heavenly Father is our Heaven Father and we should acknowledge Him with the honour that is due to His name.

Next, He introduces God’s Kingdom and declares that it should be part of our daily living. As previously mentioned, Kingdoms where the King has absolute control are so foreign to us because we are used to being in control. What Jesus is saying to His disciples and us, are we prepared to submit to our Heavenly Father “The King” over everything? All the years I have quoted the ‘Lord’s Prayer’ I have never considered the importance of the Kingdom of God. The Apostle Paul says in **Romans 14:15** *“For the Kingdom of God is not food or drink. But righteousness and peace in*

*the Holy Spirit* ". Also, in **1 Corinthians 4:20** "*For the Kingdom of God is not in word but in power (God's Power)* "  
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Before we go any further it is important to recognise that Jesus was talking from personal experience. Jesus said in John 8:28 "And He who sent me is with me, the father has not left me alone, for I always do those things that please Him." Then Jesus prayed in **Luke 22:42** saying: "*Father, if it is your will, remove this cup from me; nevertheless, not my will, but yours be done.*" Then he said in **Luke 11: 20** NLT "*But if I am casting out demons by the power of God, then the Kingdom of God has arrived among you.*" It is also important to note that one of the first things Jesus taught His disciples is found in **Matthew 6:33** which says: "*But seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness*" (His way of living). We must never forget that Jesus only did what His Heavenly Father told Him to do when He was on earth. With this in mind, the Heavenly Father wanted Jesus to teach the importance of the Kingdom of God. It is also important to understand that throughout the Bible especially the Old Testament when the word God was used it refers to God the Father. He had a plan for mankind before the foundations of the earth and as we pause to look at what Jesus is teaching about the Heavenly Father may we allow the Holy Spirit \*Who was given by the Father) to open our understanding to see the greatness of what Jesus taught and change the way that we live.

As we continue to look at the phrase "Your Kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven". We have looked at the first part which says: "Your Kingdom come" and understand the significance of being part of the Kingdom of God. Interestingly, the second part is almost the same as the first part. This is

so important to understand, to learn it is essential to keep repeating what is to be learned so that it becomes part of the way that we live. In my first employment as a trainee draughtsman, while I could effectively put lines on the drawing, my printing was not up to the required standard, so every spare moment that I had I would practice printing and it did not take long to achieve the correct standard. This principle applies to our Christian lives, if the only time we hear about God is when we attend Church then our growth will be stunted. This is why it is essential to spend time with God regularly preferably daily.

Next, we look at the second part of this phrase “Your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven”. The most significant starting point is to understand that God’s will is in action and lived by in Heaven continuously now. As we look at God’s will as the will of our Heavenly Father it is important not to try and guess what it could be but what the Bible says it is. This is a question that I have been asked many times over the years and my response is still the same, it is not what I think it is but what the Bible says. Interestingly there are not many scriptures where the phrase “This is the will of God” is used so I want to look at each of them and quote them to help us with our understanding of the will of God that affects us.

Before we look at what the Bible means when it says “This is the will of God” there is something that to be understood and clarified. How much value do we place on the word of God? The answer to this question is critical to our Christian walk because the strength and foundation of our Christian walk is knowing God’s word. Sadly, if we have no foundation then after a while the novelty of being with Christians wears off so we revert to our old way of living without Jesus

and this has happened to many good people. **Psalm 119:105** says: *“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path”*. This verse very clearly says that applying God’s daily gives us what we need for that day and when we walk in that light, we see any dangers before they are upon us. **2 Timothy 2:15** NLT says: *“Be a good worker one who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly explains the word of truth ”*. People around us need good Godly advice based on His word not just good ideas, we can do this when the word of God is part of and is the foundation of how we live.

Now as we look at the scriptures that describe ‘The Will of God’ these scriptures are in no particular order or importance. It is only as we look at these scriptures as a whole that will we be able to understand the will of God. Also, we must ask the Holy Spirit to reveal the truth about ‘The Will of God’ because this is one of the reasons the Father sent the Holy Spirit to us. **1 Peter 2:15** says: *“For this is the will of God that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men ”***NLT** *“It is God’s will that your good lives should silence those who make foolish accusations against you ”***AMP** *“For it is God’s will and intention that by doing right your good and honest lives should silence (muzzle, gag) the ignorant charges and ill-informed criticism of foolish persons ”*. The first thing I notice about this verse it declares that when you do this good it silences ungodly people and their claims. So, this good is not just about what we do because the world is full of people who do good and their kind acts help many people. This verse is not talking about that kind of act which makes them believe that because of what they do they will get to Heaven. We know that this is completely false because you must be born again to be accepted by God. God says in **1 Samuel 16:7b** *“For the Lord does not see*

*as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart* “. This fact is something that we can overlook because if we someone doing good, we try to reward them. The good we do which is noticed by God and not others demonstrate our Christian character which is God-like. We are doing God’s will when we live this way. We must be reminded that God knows the attitude of our hearts and the reason why we do things. One final point God by His nature is a good God who only does good things. We are exhibiting the Will of God when people see God’s nature flowing through us.

The next scripture is **Romans 12:2** which says: *“And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. NLT “Don’t copy the behaviour and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way that we think. Then you will know what God wants you to do and you will know how good and pleasing and perfect His will really is* “. This verse is very clear that being conformed to this world and its standards we cannot know or live by the will of God. To be transformed by the renewing of our minds is one of the greatest challenges we face. There is such a danger that we can accept the world’s way as being acceptable. **1 John 2:15-17** says: *“Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world – the lust of the flesh and the pride of life – is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away, and the lust of it, but he who does the will of God abides forever* “. The Bible is very clear about how what we do and think about affects our relationship with the Lord. When I was growing up in the late 1950s and

the early 1960s the church had very strong teachings on the dangers of worldly behaviour and what behaviour pleased God. In the last 30 years, I don't recall the church taking a stand for godliness it has promoted worldly values. Recently I heard of a senior Pentecostal Pastor charged with drunk driving his excuse was that he needed something to help him with the pressures of ministry. We need to realise that when we say "Your will be done" we are declaring that we desire to live a life that pleases God.

The next scripture is **1 Thessalonians 4:3&7** which says: *"For this is the will of God your sanctification, that you should abstain from sexual immorality. For God did not call us to uncleanness but in holiness "*. Sanctification is a word that is rarely used these days. Sanctification is that relationship with God into which we enter by faith in Christ. Literally, sanctification means 'Separation to God from evil things and ways '. This is how we know whether a person is born again or not, if there is no change in behaviour or desires for more of God then it is very unlikely that person is born again. Earlier I mentioned how it was difficult to understand the concept of a kingdom where the King has absolute say and authority and the subjects obey the king. This verse reinforces the same message, to do God's will then we must be set apart and act as kingdom people. So that there is nothing ungodly in the way that we live. When we live this way, we impact the lives of people around us. All my working life there is something that I noticed, because I have never said anything about swearing to anyone, although at times I heard from a distance bad language my fellow workers never swore in front of me and if they did, they would immediately apologize to me. This is one of the blessings of a close relationship with the Lord.

The second last scripture that I will quote is **1 Thessalonians 5:18** which says: *“In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you”* **NLT** *“No matter what happens. Always be thankful, for this is God’s will for you who belong to Christ Jesus”*. The first thing we must be very clear about the Scripture does not say ‘For’ but ‘In’ and makes a big difference. Because we live in a fallen world despite what situations we suffer we can always praise the Lord for His help in times of trouble. There have been several situations I would have preferred not to have but when I look back because I acted Godly those situations strengthened me. I am encouraged by what the Apostle Paul said in Romans 8:37-39 *“Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor power nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor death nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus”*. I am so thankful that I belong to Jesus.

The final scripture I want to consider at this time is **2 Peter 3:9** which says: *“The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is not willing that any should perish but all should come to repentance”*. This verse gives us the reason for what seems like a delay concerning the Lord’s second coming. The Lord is not willing that any person not be born again. We know how much the Father loves us because He sent His Son Jesus to be crucified for our sins (**John 3:16**). We must never forget our responsibility to live a Godly life that attracts the un-believer to want to be born again. This gives us the right perspective of the responsibility we have as born-again believers. Because we are born again into the Kingdom of God, our

Godly behaviour is used by the Holy Spirit to convict other people of their need for a Saviour. While it is so good to be born again and we enjoy the benefits of this, we must never forget the people who are lost and we should continually for people to be won into His Kingdom.

## GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD

As we continue with the teaching of Jesus, we come to the phrase that declares our confidence and dependence on God (Our Heavenly Father) to provide for our daily needs. Jesus taught in Matthew 6:33 which says: "But seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you ". What Jesus is saying is if we put His ways first in the way that we live then He will supply our daily needs. We need to understand that as His children we can declare our dependence on our Heavenly Father. It is so good to be reminded that we can trust Him for our daily needs. **Psalm 23:1** NLT says: "*The Lord is my shepherd I have everything that I need* ". Also, **Philippians 4:19** says: "*And my God (Our Heavenly Father) shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus* ". By asking for "daily bread," this prayer encourages a sense of contentment with what one needs for the day. It teaches Christians to trust that God will provide for their daily necessities, and this trust can extend beyond physical sustenance to include other needs like spiritual guidance and strength. The prayer uses the word "us," emphasizing a sense of community and solidarity. It encourages Christians to not only think about their own needs but also the needs of others. This can be seen as a call to



share and care for one another, especially those who may be less fortunate.

While it refers to physical sustenance, "daily bread" can also be interpreted symbolically as a request for spiritual nourishment. Just as we need physical food to sustain our bodies, we also need spiritual sustenance to nourish our souls. This interpretation highlights the importance of daily prayer, meditation on Scripture, and communion with God. Ultimately, the meaning of the phrase 'Give us this day our daily bread' is up to each individual to decide. However, it is a powerful reminder of God's love and provision, and it can help us live our lives in a more grateful and trusting way.

## **AND FORGIVE US OUR SINS JUST AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO SIN AGAINST US**

In this phrase, Jesus highlights something extremely important and at times very misunderstood. Forgiveness – the act of forgiving is essential to having a clear conscious which allows us to have a close relationship with the Lord. The first thing that needs to be acknowledged is that forgiveness is an act, not a feeling but a decision. There is one major area of forgiveness that needs to be addressed, just because when God forgives us our sins, He does not remember that sin. Because we are humans that is not the case with us, we can forgive someone and still remember the event. To many people, this has caused confusion, for they wrongly think because they still can remember the event, they have not forgiven completely that person. There was a time when I believed that, however, I have learned from the Holy Spirit I have forgiven that person when I can remember that

event without feeling any hurt. This is how I dealt with hurtful situations, every time I remembered the event, I would pray a blessing on the person who mistreated me. When I consistently did the pain slowly disappeared until I could remember the event without feeling ill about the person involved. In fact, I have met people who hurt me and have been able to hug them and speak a blessing over them. Jesus declared that we cannot expect God to do something that we are not prepared to do ourselves. When I was a lot younger my human was one of getting revenge (Which is not being Godly), in my book "Reflections of a man who did not know what he knew" (My Spiritual Journey) I recount an event in which I took revenge and the struggle I had to restore a close relationship with the Lord. God has been very good to me for He gave me a person to marry who carried no grudges, Over the years that followed I learned to follow the way that she lived. Because of her example, I learned how to forgive and that has helped me with many major hurts during my life. **Romans 12:19- 21** says: *"Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay,' says the Lord. Therefore, if your enemy hungers, feed him. If he thirsts, give him a drink; for in so doing, you will heap coals of fire over his head' Do not be overcome with evil but overcome evil with good "*.

## **AND DO NOT LEAD US INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US FROM THE EVIL ONE**

As we come to the last phrase in this teaching of Jesus to His disciples, we see the compassion and concern for His disciples. Jesus remembered what He went through in preparation for the ministry. After He was

baptised in water and filled with the Holy Spirit He was led by the Spirit into the wilderness where He was tempted by the Devil for forty days and He overcame the Devil by applying the word of God. Also, before He was crucified, He asked His Father to take the cup of suffering from Him but when that was not possible he submitted to the suffering. He knew the human tendency to be tempted but He asked the Father to deliver them. **1 Corinthians 10:13** says: *“No temptation has overtaken you except such is common to man, but God is faithful who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will make a way of escape, that may be able to bear it “*. It is very reassuring that God knows what is going on in our lives and will give us the strength for each situation. This verse also reminds us to turn to God for His help when situations occur. It is also important to understand that Satan wants us to turn away from God and will tempt us to live by our understanding which leads away from God. **James 1:12-14** says: *“Blessed is the man who endures temptation, for when he has been proved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him. Let no one say when he is tempted ‘I am tempted by God’ for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. But each is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed “*. These verses clearly state the reward of being victorious in conquering temptation. **Hebrews 2:18** says: *“For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those being tempted “*. This verse highlights Jesus’ ability to assist those who are tempted because He was victorious when He experienced temptation for Himself.

**FOR YOURS IS THE KINGDOM AND THE  
POWER AND THE GLORY FOREVER. AMEN**

When Jesus commenced His teaching on prayer to His disciples the first thing that He emphasised was the authority and greatness of His Heavenly Father. Also, His Heavenly Father was to be highly revered at all times because all praise belonged to Him. So, it is so proper at the conclusion of His teaching that He repeats the same thing, His Heavenly Father's Kingdom oversees everything and there is no limit to His power. Also, His Glory is everlasting. May we take the time to pause and give total attention to our Heavenly Father and continue to submit to His greatness in our lives?

## Chapter 3 Holy Spirit Praying

In the previous chapter on the Lord's Prayer Jesus taught His disciples what to say when they prayed. He told them to address their talking to His Heavenly Father. Now as we come to understand the importance of the Holy Spirit in our lives, there are two basic things we need to know. Firstly, Jesus taught in **John 16:7&13** where He said: *"Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away the Helper (The Holy Spirit) will not come, but if I depart, I will send Him to you. However, when he, the Spirit of Truth, has come he will guide you into all truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and will tell you things to come"*. Jesus went on to say in **John 14: 16&17** *"And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another helper, that He may abide with you forever, even the Spirit of Truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him, but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you"*. And the purpose of the Holy Spirit is recorded in **John 14:26** *"But the Helper, The Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, He will teach you all things, and bring to remembrance all things that I have said to you"*.

This has certainly been my experience over my lifetime, as a seventeen-year-old I had an outstanding encounter with God when I was Baptised with the Holy Spirit. While I did not understand the significance of that encounter at the time, As I look back over my life, I see such evidence of being taught by the Holy Spirit. When I wrote the book about my life, I titled it "Reflections of A Man Who Did Not Know What He Knew", and that has been my experience as a Spirit-filled believer. The Bible records various names for

the Holy Spirit, one that has been a great encouragement to me has been the Greek word 'parakletos' which means 'One who stands by you' (Comforter or Advocate). I have experienced the Holy Spirit with me in a real and encouraging way all of my life.

Before we continue it is so important to understand that the Holy Spirit has been given to us by our Heavenly Father. Jesus said to His disciples in **Acts 1:4&5** *"And being assembled together with them (His Disciples), He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father (The Holy Spirit), which He said 'You have heard from me, for John truly baptised with water, but you shall be baptised with the Holy Spirit not many days from now' "*. Note Jesus said that the Holy Spirit was the 'Promise of the Father'. We understand that because the Father loved us, He sent His only Son to die on the cross and rise again on the third day so that our sins could be forgiven and be born again. If we understand this truth then it is so important that we understand that the Father wants us to be filled with the Holy Spirit. The disciples were told to wait in Jerusalem until they received the Holy Spirit. 120 disciples obeyed and were all filled with the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost and spoke with other tongues - which I call my Heavenly Language (**Acts 2:4**).

In the Book of Acts, it is recorded how the people reacted to hearing the Gospel preached. They repented, then Baptised with water, and then Filled with the Holy Spirit. All these decisions were life-changing experiences in their lives, you change when you experience these things. Being filled with the Holy Spirit is not an event that you can look back on and remember but a life-changing experience. I explain being filled with the Holy Spirit as a doorway to a new life in

Christ, sadly some people never go through the doorway and never experience a Spirit-Filled life.

Before I look at it in detail Holy Spirit Praying, I want to remind everyone what the Bible says about a Spirit-Filled life. **Romans 8:14** says: *“For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are the sons of God ”*. The Bible says if I claim to be a Child of God (Born Again) then I will be led by the Holy Spirit – if you do not talk to the Holy Spirit it is impossible to be led by Him. In **Galatians 5:16** the Apostle Paul Says: *“I say then, walk in the Spirit and you shall not fulfil the lusts of the flesh ”*. The Holy Spirit gives us the strength and ability to live a new life as a Child of God. There is one more piece of evidence that declares that I am Spirit Filled and that is my Christian Character. The Bible is very clear that the fruit shown declares what kind of person you are. Spirit-filled people should exhibit the fruit of the Spirit. **Galatians 5:22-23 NLT** says: *“But when the Holy Spirit controls our lives, He will produce this kind of fruit in us, Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self-control. Here there is no conflict with the Law ”*. Because I am Spirit-filled I will demonstrate the fruit of the Spirit in the way that I live. One final thing we should not confuse an emotional experience with being filled with the Holy Spirit. Depending on what type of person I am I will exhibit emotional behaviour in line with what kind of person I am.

Now we come to Holy Spirit Praying there is one thing I want to make very clear speaking in tongues (My Heavenly Language) is evidence of being filled with the Holy Spirit as recorded in **Acts 2:4** IT IS NOT THE GIFT OF TONGUES FOR WHICH THERE IS

AN INTERPRETATION as recorded in **1 Corinthians Chapter 12**, but our prayer language.

Now that we understand that being filled with the Holy Spirit is a personal experience given by the Father to make our spiritual life more effective, I want to remind you what Jesus said to His disciples about what would happen when they were filled with the Holy Spirit. **Acts 1:8** says: *“But you shall receive power (Strength and Ability) when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be witnesses to me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and Samaria, and to the uttermost parts of the earth “*. Jesus told His disciples that they would receive supernatural strength and ability (Power) when they were filled with the Holy Spirit. This has been my lifelong experience in all facets of life, as a father, as a husband, as an employee, and in ministry. I have experienced this strength and ability over and over again. This is demonstrated in my supernatural capacity to write about things I have never studied. The next thing Jesus said that would happen Spirit-filled people would be witnesses of Jesus. This is very good evidence of being filled with the Holy Spirit, all they want to talk about is their relationship with Jesus and encourage people to have the same experience.

It is most important to clearly understand that using our Heavenly Language (Speaking in Tongues) is a decision that we make, and no one else can make us. Just like it was our choice to repent and make Jesus Lord of our lives. Because we do not understand what we are saying there is a danger that we do not use our Heavenly Language. The Apostle Paul makes it very clear in **1 Corinthians 14:14-15** *“For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful. What is the result then? I will pray in the Spirit and I will also*



*pray with the understanding, I will sing in the Spirit and I will also sing with the understanding* ". When we learn and understand the purpose of using our Heavenly Language and its benefits, we will choose to use our Heavenly Language regularly.

The Apostle Paul declared in **1 Corinthians chapter 14** that there are two significant reasons for using our Heavenly Language (Speaking in tongues), each reason is important and as such both should be experienced. Firstly, in **1 Corinthians 14:4**, we read "*He who speaks in a tongue (My Heavenly Language) edifies himself*" **NLT** "A person who speaks in tongues is strengthened in the Lord ". In the day in which we are living with such evil, it is good to be reminded of how we can remain strong in our Christian experience. **Jude verse 20** says: "*But you, beloved, building yourselves in your most Holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit* ". Our faith is such an essential part of our Christian living because **Hebrews 11:6a** says: "*But without faith, it is impossible to please God* ". When I am using my Heavenly Language, I am not only making myself strong spiritually in the Lord but my faith is being built up, this is essential for our ongoing relationship with the Lord. Apostle Paul also instructed the Church in Ephesus in Ephesians 6:10 "*Finally, my brethren be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might* ". We must understand the full extent of the power of God which is available to us. The reason for this power is found in **1 Peter 5:2** which states: "*Be sober, be vigilant because your adversary the devil walks around like a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour* ". When I am strong in the Lord the devil cannot touch me so I can live a life without fear.

The bible details very clearly the effect of being filled with the Holy Spirit and speaking in tongues in the life of Peter. Just before Jesus was crucified Peter denied that he was a disciple of Jesus three times. Peter was the first person to see the empty tomb but he was not changed. When Peter and the rest of the disciples were hiding behind locked doors Jesus appeared to them twice but Peter was not changed. The full extent of Peter's attitude is shown when he declares that he is going back to his fishing, his old way of life. He went back to fishing but was not successful. Peter had an encounter with Jesus where he declared that he unconditionally loved Jesus. Fifty days after Peter denied Jesus was the day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit was poured out on the 120 people there and they all spoke in tongues. Peter who had never addressed a crowd before stood up and preached a sermon in which he quoted scriptures that he never learned. The result was that 3,000 people were born again. When Peter and John were brought before the Sanhedrin it is recorded in **Acts 4:13** "*Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men they marvelled*". Being filled with the Holy Spirit and speaking in tongues made them spiritually strong. One final thing about Peter in **Acts chapter 10** it is recorded how Peter preached to the Gentiles for the first time and all present were filled with the Holy Spirit.

The second significant reason the Apostle Paul gives for using our Heavenly Language (Speaking in tongues) is found in **1 Corinthians 14:2** which says: "*For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands him, however, in the Spirit he speaks mysteries (Spiritual truths)*". **AMP** "*For one*

*who speaks in an unknown tongue (Your Heavenly Language) speaks not to men but to God, for no one understands or catches his hearing because, in the Holy Spirit, he utters secret truths and hidden things not obvious to the understanding* ". This reason highlights the importance of using our Heavenly Language and also, gives a reason why many people struggle to use their Heavenly Language. **Hebrews 11:6a** says: "*Without faith, it is impossible to please God* ", it takes great faith to believe in the importance of using our Heavenly Language regularly. Because we do not understand what we are saying there is a danger that we can choose to only talk to God with our natural language. While talking to God with our understanding is good, it is not a substitute for using our Heavenly Language. When I use my Heavenly Language, my spirit is communicating directly to our Heavenly Father without any outside interference from any source.

The Apostle Paul uses another metaphor to describe using your Heavenly Language in **Romans 8:26-27** which says: "*Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings (To pray inaudibility) which cannot be uttered. Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God* ". These verses very clearly explain that when my spirit is praying (Using my Heavenly Language) what is being said conforms to the will of God. This helps our understanding of the importance of using our Heavenly Language. The only battle we have is with ourselves because there is part of us that wants to be in control of what we are saying. Over the years this has been a constant battle for me, what I have

found is the more I use my Heavenly Language the easier it becomes to use that language and so my Christian life has become more effective.

One final point, how often should I use my Heavenly Language? The simple answer to that question is you cannot use it too often. The Apostle Paul wrote in **1 Corinthians 14:18** *"I thank my God that I speak with tongues (His Heavenly Language) more than you all "*. If you have wondered why the Apostle Paul was such a Godly man who achieved so much in his day this verse gives a good indication of the source of his greatness in God. Paul was bold enough to say to the church at Corinth *"Imitate Me"*. May I encourage you to develop the habit of using your Heavenly Language regularly?