

January 29, 2017
Series: Personal Space
Sermon Title: *Prayer Ability*

Key Scriptures:

Luke 5:16 (NRSV)

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The Key:

Stability through Prayer Ability

AVAILABILITY-Open to God

Prayer is communion with God and makes a person available for God.

Luke 3:21-22 (NRSV) ²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

Luke 23:34 (NRSV) ³⁴Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.” And they cast lots to divide his clothing.

RELIABILITY-Faithful and Consistent

We automate the important.

Luke 5:16 (NRSV) ¹⁶But he would withdraw to deserted places and pray.

Luke 9:18 (NRSV) ¹⁸Once when Jesus was praying alone, with only the disciples near him, he asked them, “Who do the crowds say that I am?”

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Luke 9:28-29 (NRSV) ²⁸Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white.

TEACH ABILITY-Choose once, who, and every day, how.

"Choose your love and love your choice." Thomas Monson

Luke 6:12-13 (NRSV) ¹²Now during those days he went out to the mountain to pray; and he spent the night in prayer to God. ¹³And when day came, he called his disciples and chose twelve of them, whom he also named apostles.

Luke 11:1-2 (NRSV) ¹He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." ²He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be Your Name. Your kingdom come.

Luke 22:39-42 (NRSV) ³⁹He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. ⁴⁰When he reached the place, he said to them, "Pray that you may not come into the time of trial." ⁴¹Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed, ⁴²"Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done."

Challenge Questions:

How will you let God in your bubble through prayer this week?

**What specific times will you commit to praying this week?
(morning, meals, night)**

**What specific ways will you commit to growing in prayer?
(adoration, confession, petition, intercession, listening, thanksgiving & praise)**

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