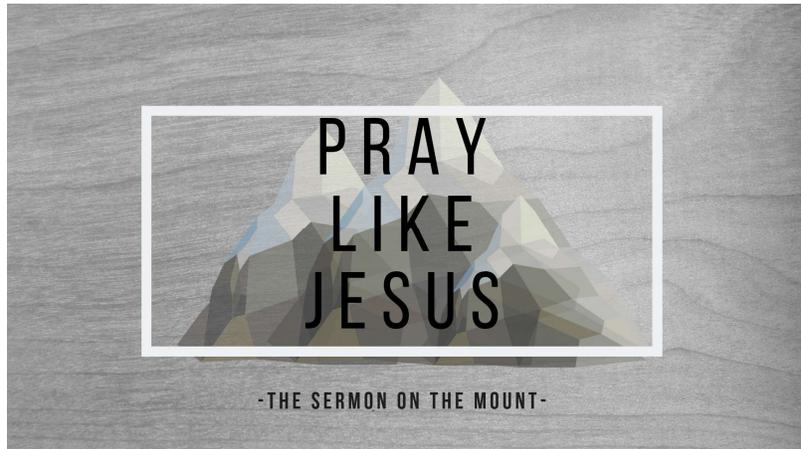


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## Prayer that Prevails

Matthew 6:12

### Series Summary

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Have you ever wanted to have a more vibrant prayer life? Many Christians would like to develop a more intimate prayer life but simply do not know where to start. This series will focus on helping you learn to take your prayer life to the next level by learning to “**Pray Like Jesus**.” We will examine how Jesus taught His disciples to pray and how this applies to your life today.

### Main Passage

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**Matthew 6:12** (ESV) – And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

**Big Idea – The Principle of the Pardon: Forgiveness Brings Freedom that Forms a Better Future**

### Three Principles of Prayer that Prevails

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#### The Provision: Recognize Your Need and Turn to the Lord for a Time of Refreshing

**Matthew 6:12** (ESV) – And forgive us...

**David Platt** – Forgiveness is God’s greatest gift because it meets our greatest need.

**Acts 3:19** (ESV) – Therefore repent and turn back, so that your sins may be wiped out, that seasons of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord...

**Matthew 5:7** (ESV) – Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

**Max Lucado** – Since our greatest need was forgiveness, God sent us a Savior. He became like us so we could become like Him.

## The Plea: Confession is Turning Your Right Knowledge into the Right Request Resulting in Right Action

**Matthew 6:12** (ESV) – And forgive us our debts...

**Isaiah 1:18** (ESV) – Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

**A Puritan Prayer** – “Grant me never to lose sight of the exceeding sinfulness of sin, the exceeding righteousness of salvation, the exceeding glory of Christ, the exceeding beauty of holiness, and the exceeding wonder of grace. I am guilty but pardoned. I am lost but saved. I am wandering but found. I am sinning but cleansed. Give me perpetual humility. Keep me always clinging to Thy cross”

## The Prerequisite: Love as You Are Loved by the Savior and Forgive as You Have Been Forgiven by God the Father

**Matthew 6:12** (ESV) – And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

**Matthew 6:14-15** (ESV) – <sup>14</sup>For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, <sup>15</sup>but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

**Ephesians 4:32** (ESV) - Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

**C.S. Lewis** – No part of his teaching is clearer: and there are no exceptions to it. He doesn't say that we are to forgive other people's sins provided they are not too frightful, or provided there are extenuating circumstances, or anything of that sort. We are to forgive them all, however spiteful, however mean, however often they are repeated.

## Memory Verse

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## Challenge:

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You are called to consistently apply the divine principles and truths found in the Word of God. Take the next step in your study by (1) Discussing and applying the sermon with your small group, (2) Participating in a Sunday School class, or (3) Study through the prayer guide found at the Connection Point.