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A Path to Freedom from Sin: Stay and Pray

Matthew 6:5-24

Step 11: We sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God, praying for the knowledge of His will and the power to carry it out.

Prayer is when and where we meet with God. - Matthew 6:6-8

Meditation is openness and devotion to God's Word, Jesus Christ. - Psalm 1:1-3

Before we surrender to and seek Christ, our prayers are trapped in our old mind, our flesh, our addictions, our sin. God sounds like us, looks like us, acts like us, and thinks like us as long as we run things.

We must choose to learn to pray as part of continuing to be transformed into the people God calls us to be.

Prayer is building One Relationship with God/Jesus/Holy Spirit to transform:

every other relationship. John 13:34

every other thought. 2 Corinthians 2:14-16

every other action. Luke 6:46-49

every other request. John 15:7

Let's imagine our lives transformed by prayer. "Knowledge of God's will and the power to carry it out."

*Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace;
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is discord, harmony;
Where there is error, truth;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
And where there is sadness, joy.*

*O Divine Master, Grant that I may not so much seek
To be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand;
To be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.*