

**Sermon: Growth Saturated In Prayer**  
**Series: Growing in Grace.**

**Scripture: Matthew 7:7-11.**  
**Date: January 1, 2023**

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**OBSERVATION** -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

**INTERPRETATION** -- Answer these questions together:

**1. What does this passage teach us about us?**

- a) Do you see the value of prayer? What makes prayer difficult for you?
- b) What typically motivates your prayer life? Does your prayer life flow from your daily dependence upon God? In what ways?

**2. What does this passage teach us about God?**

- a) Read Matthew 5:45; 6:8; 7:7-11; Ephesians 1:3-6. How do these scriptures encourage you in your relationship with God and specifically in your prayer life?
- b) How would you explain to another believer why God doesn't give us everything we ask for or desire? In what way is this also his grace?

**3. What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?**

- a) Read Hebrews 4:16. Do you approach God confidently, like a child would their father? Why or why not?

**APPLICATION**

- a) What is one way that you can practice saturating your entire life in prayer?

**FIGHTER VERSES: Psalm 119:33-36.**

**PRAYER**

- Thank God for being a loving father.
- Confess ways that you have failed to pray or used prayer as a way to control God.
- Thank Jesus for making it possible for us to approach God with confidence.
- Ask God to help you saturate your entire life with prayer.