



Part 3: Making It Matter

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***Prayer is a balanced interaction of
praise, confession, thanks and petition.***
– Tim Keller

The Relational Themes of Scripture*

- Grace** How great is the love the Father has lavished on us that we should be called children of God. – 1 John 3:1
- Love** Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. – Matthew 22:37,38
- Compassion** My command is this, love one another as I have loved you.
– John 15:12
- Repentance** Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. – Psalm 51:2
- Worship** I will praise you, O Lord, with all my heart, I will tell of all your wonderful deeds. – Psalm 9:1
- Commitment** You call me “Teacher and Lord”. You are right. That is what I am.
– John 13:13
- Dependence** Be filled with the Holy Spirit. – Ephesians 5:18b
- Influence** We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father full of grace and truth. – Matthew 1:14
- Discipleship** Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit. – Matthew 28:19
- Authority** Therefore, God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him a name that is above every name. – Philippians 2:9

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Two powerful words of commitment:

I will

I will covenant with God to:

- Connect with God each day in prayer for 40 days
- Commit to praying the Prayer Covenant for 10 days and then invite another person to partner with you in the Prayer Covenant
- Commit to receiving Pastor Grant's prayer letter and faithfully praying over those prayer requests
- Commit to pray for one hour every week at a specific time (24/7 Prayer)
- Commit to praying for the people that I invited to Christmas Eve with the goal of bringing them with me to Easter

Next Steps

Stop by one or more of the prayer ministry booths in the Commons today to learn how you can get connected in prayer:

1. **40 Day Prayer Covenant** - covenant cards are available at the table if you're making this commitment
2. **24/7 Prayer** - sign up to pray for an hour every week at a specific time to help us create a 24/7 covering of prayer
3. **Light of the World Prayer Center** - learn about the purpose and activities of this community prayer center

Small Group Questions

- 1) What is the most powerful promise, vow, or covenant you have made in your lifetime? Have you kept it?
- 2) Have you ever made a promise, vow, or covenant that you broke but would love to revisit?
- 3) Which of the relational themes is the most challenging for you? Why?
- 4) Commitment is challenging for anyone. Does bringing God into your commitment change your desire or ability to see it through?
- 5) Read out loud each of the scriptures listed on the front of this outline. Knowing that God is hearing/saying those words is powerful. How does praying scripture bring us into alignment with God's will for our lives?
- 6) What do you need prayer for today?

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