

# TALKING TO YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER

Seeking God for a Breakthrough — Part 4

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“Jesus’ followers said, ‘Lord, teach us to pray!’ Then Jesus said, ‘When you pray, begin by saying ‘Our Father in heaven. . . .’” Luke 11:1-2

## MATTHEW 7:7-12

1. “Keep on asking, and you will be given what you ask for. Keep on looking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened. For anyone who asks will receive; and anyone who seeks will find, and to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.”  
Matthew 7:7-8

- When I’m close to my Father, I just \_\_\_\_\_
- When I’m not close to my Father, I must \_\_\_\_\_
- When a barrier is in the way, I \_\_\_\_\_

2. “If your child asked you for some bread to eat, would any of you fathers give her a stone instead?”  
Matthew 7:9

3. “Or if your child asked for some fish, would you put a snake on their plate?”  
Matthew 7:10

4. “Now since even you as a sinful, imperfect parent, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more does your good and perfect Father in heaven give only gifts that are good to those who ask him!”  
Matthew 7:11

5. “So in every situation, always do to others what you would want them do to you. This sums up all the commands and teachings in the Bible.”  
Matthew 7:12

## FOR REVIEW AT HOME

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Pt 1. HOW TO PRAY IN A CRISIS (5 Steps from Daniel 9:1-23) Oct. 30.

“If my people, who are called by my name, will HUMBLE themselves and PRAY and SEEK my face and TURN from their wrong ways, then I will HEAR from heaven and will FORGIVE their sin and HEAL their land!”

2 Chronicles 7:14 (NIV)

Pt. 2. PRAYING & FASTING FOR A PERSONAL BREAKTHROUGH

4 Keys

Nov. 20

“Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God whatever you need but always ask for it with THANKSGIVING, asking him with a thankful heart for all he’s done. If you do this, you’ll experience God’s peace which is far more powerful than we can understand. His peace will keep your thoughts and emotions at rest as you trust in Christ Jesus. Then fix your thoughts on things that are true and honorable and right. Think about things that are pure and lovely and admirable, and fill your mind with thoughts that are excellent and worthy of praise.”  
Philippians 4:6-8

Pt. 3. HOW TO PRAY A ‘BREAKTHROUGH’ PRAYER

(In situations that are beyond your control) 6 parts — 2 Chron. 20

“EVERY DAY Lord, I lift my hands to you in prayer and I call to you.”

Psalms 88:9



LEFT: WHO to pray for  
Thumb: Family & Friends

Index: Leaders & Teachers

Tallest: Influencers

Ring: weakest - sick, poor, old, kids

Small: Myself

RIGHT: WHAT to pray  
Thumb: my own heart

Index: my priorities. What’s #1?

Tallest: my influence

Ring: my relationships

Small: material blessings