

MESSAGE NOTES



Surrender First

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Matthew 6:5-15, p. 678

1. Prayer exposes me:

2. Prayer humbles me:

3. Prayer empowers me:

4. Prayer motivates me:

the one thing:

Surrender, resist, advance.

Miss something? All of these sermon notes will be available online Monday.

TAKING IT HOME NOTES FOR SMALL GROUP & PERSONAL STUDY

1

KEEPING IT REAL

Both Ephesians 6:18 and 1 Peter 5:8 state, "Be alert." Why do you suppose the authors of these passages used such vivid language?

2

LOOK AT THE BOOK

Can it be said that we are not the New Testament believers that God intended for us to be if we do not have a healthy prayer life? See what Scripture tells us about the early church in Acts 2:42. What practical steps can you take to improve your prayer life with Christ?

3

Our Lord implores us to have a relationship with Him (prayer life). He states, "call to me," in several verses such as Psalm 14:4, Acts 2:21, Romans 10:12-13 and Psalm 50:15. He also instructs us to listen (be still) in Psalm 46:10, 1 Samuel 3:9, and Luke 10:38-42. See, the conversation goes both ways! How does this impact you?

4

THE NEXT STEP

Since we are commanded to be alert, and also designed for a life of prayer, what will you do specifically this week to live out James 4:7-8a: "Submit yourselves then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come near to God and He will come near to you."

NEXT STEPS

- Memorize James 4:7-8a.
- Answer: "I neglect prayer because..."
- Explain (not recite) the *Lord's Prayer* by yourself, in your own words, out loud to God.
- Determine where surrender begins for you. Will you surrender?

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

AUGUST

COMMUNITY PRAY FOR OUR NATION NIGHT	8
GIRLFRIENDS & GRUB	11
DADS/KIDS CAMPING TRIP	12-14
BIG TREE NERF WARS	17
QUEST 56 SUMMER SPLASH	17
FAMILY LIFE OPEN HOUSE	21 & 28

SEPTEMBER

COMMUNITY SERVE SUNDAY	4
LABOR DAY (OFFICE CLOSED)	5
CATALYST	7
MEN'S BREAKFAST	10