Traveling with the Lord as a disciple had to be the greatest adventure of a lifetime!

- You never knew what you would see next - What you personally would experience - What you would hear - What you would learn

- One day you would see a blind man have his eyesight restored. Another day you would see a man raised from the dead. On a day in which you were caught in a storm that you thought would destroy your life, you would hear Him say, “Peace be still,” and you would immediately experience a clam sea and a calm heart.

- I find it interesting that with all that the disciples heard and experienced the only thing they ever asked the Lord to teach them was how to pray. They heard Him pray day after day and teach them to be so intimate with His Father that their prayer lives were to increase. They wanted to know more about prayer.

- I enrolled 19 plus years ago in the School of Prayer and I still have not graduated. I find that learning to pray is a life long journey – I have never evaluated my spiritual life in which I could say my prayer life was excellent and I needed no improvement.

- Of all the sermons I have ever heard the one I find myself most a tune to are through prayer. I want a deeper, richer prayer life. Prayer fascinates me! It blows my mind that the God of the universe listens to me when I pour out my heart to Him. I find I am surrounded by His presence. I feel His peace. I experience His power. This journey has shown me that God’s supernatural power is released to those who pray. This morning I want to talk to you about expanding your prayer life.

I want to begin my sermon in two passages of Scripture - both hopefully will be familiar to you.


- Turn first to Luke 11:1-4; Phil. 4:6-7

- It is obvious this morning that both passages give us instructions about how and what to pray but before we look at some instructions, I want to draw your attention to two thoughts about whom we are praying to. Jesus said when you pray say, “Our Father which is in heaven.” Paul said let your requests be made to God.

- Today lets first look at the Identity of the one we are praying to. When we make our request - when we pray - who are we directing those words to? We are directing our request to an all powerful, all knowing, Supreme Deity that is known as God but called by us – Father. And no matter the request we bring to God, He is Able! Nothing is impossible for God – He is able!
But I fear that most of us – myself included at times do not believe this. We are not convinced that God is able. We are not convinced that God is omnipotent. Friend, your prayer life will stay weak as long as you have a weak faith. Your prayer life will become stronger as you get a stronger faith.

Dwayne – that’s my problem – help me increase by faith, read the Scriptures. Read the stories of God working on behalf of His people. Knowing who God is determines how we pray. God is able – say it 100 times. Say it before you pray. Make a poster.

But what if God does not want to answer. Okay, God is able but is He willing? Secondly, let’s think about God’s inclination to help.

Go to Matthew 7-9
(The doctrine of adoption)
He gives good gifts.
God not only can, He wants to
James 1:5 – Let him ask
James 4:2 – You have not because you ask not.
Answered prayer includes _____ NO.
How you think about God determines how you pray?

III. Let’s talk about how we pray - what are some instructions.

My prayer time consist of 4 words:
- Adoration
- Confession
- Thanksgiving
- Supplication

Adoration – It expresses my love; it strengthens my faith; I praise you for being – God is Able!

Confession – saying the same thing – not sorry – I am sorry. possibly He will not hear

Thanksgiving – Before I bring my list, I say thank you.
Phil. 4:6 – Be anxious for nothing but with prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let you request be made unto God with thanksgiving.
I Thessalonians 5:18 – In everything give thanks – There are some storm that God does not want to pull your out of – HE wants to walk with you through them.

Supplication – two aspects:
Personal petitions – make requests and
Intercession for others