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APART FROM ME YOU
CAN DO NOTHING
(JOHN 15:5)

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One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “**Lord, teach us to pray,** just as John taught his disciples.”



Luke 11:1 (NIV)



Jesus taught us to talk to God because
God wants you to talk to Him!



How not to pray?



“And **when you pray**, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full.



Matthew 6:5–8 (NIV)



But **when you pray**, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.



Matthew 6:5–8 (NIV)



And **when you pray**, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.



Matthew 6:5–8 (NIV)





“This, then, is how you should pray: “ ‘Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. 11 Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.’



Matthew 6:9–13 (NIV)



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Pray like this: Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy.



Talking to God is about more than just me

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We are family. It isn't enough if I'm okay, but you are struggling. Your needs are my needs. Your problems are my concern.





To be a Christian is to be part of the body of
Christ: the church.

And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.



Hebrews 10:25 (NLT)



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*Your purpose in life
involves others.*

God works in different ways, but it is the same God who does the work in all of us.

A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other.



1 Corinthians 12:6–7 (NLT)



**You may not think you
need the church, but the
church needs you!**

By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you **love one another.**” John 13:35 (NIV)

So then, let us aim for harmony in the church and try to **build each other up.** Romans 14:19 (NLT)

I am fully convinced, my dear brothers and sisters, that you are full of goodness. You know these things so well you can **teach each other** all about them. Romans 15:14 (NLT)

You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, **serve one another** humbly in love. Galatians 5:13 (NIV)

Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2 (NIV)

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. Ephesians 4:32 (NIV)

Therefore **encourage one another** and **build each other up,** just as in fact you are doing. 1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NIV)

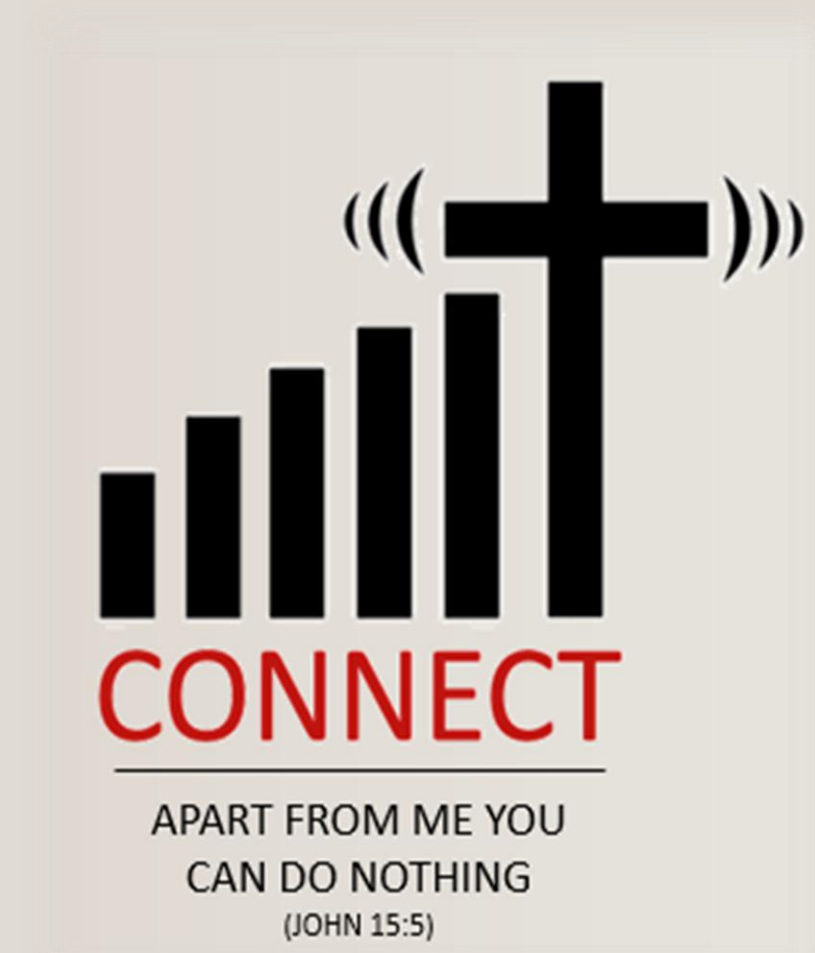
16 Therefore **confess your sins to each other** and **pray for each other** so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. James 5:16 (NIV)

How can I do any of this if
I am following God in isolation?



Talking to God is still personal

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*Everyone does not
have the right to call
God their Father.*

He came into the very world he created, but the world didn't recognize him. He came to his own people, and even they rejected him. **But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God.** They are reborn—not with a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan, but a birth that comes from God.



John 1:10–13 (NLT)



Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. God decided in advance **to adopt us into his own family** by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ.

This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure.



Ephesians 1:4-5 (NLT)

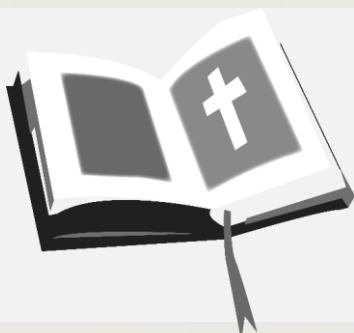


But when the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law.

God sent him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, **so that he could adopt us as his very own children.**



Galatians 4:4-5 (NLT)



And because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, prompting us to call out,
“Abba, Father.”

Now you are no longer a slave but God’s own child. And since you are his child, God has made you his heir.



Galatians 4:4-5 (NLT)



For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, "Abba, Father."

For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children.



Romans 8:14-17 (NLT)

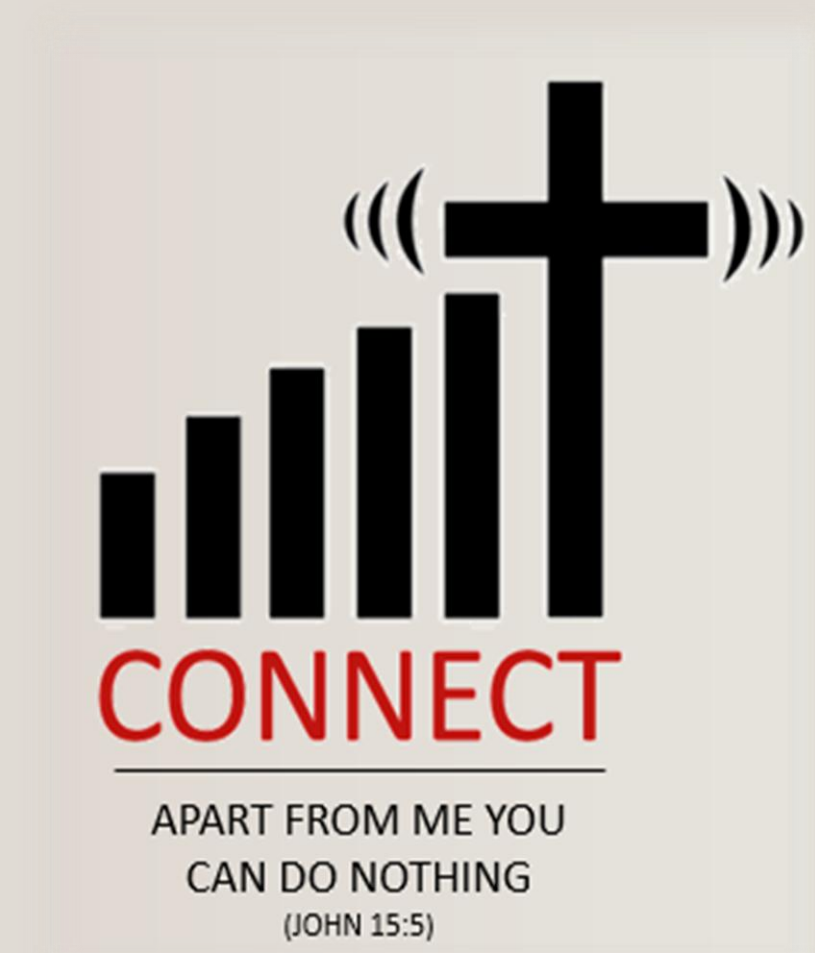


God cares!



I need to remember who God is

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What I may want is always secondary to what God desires

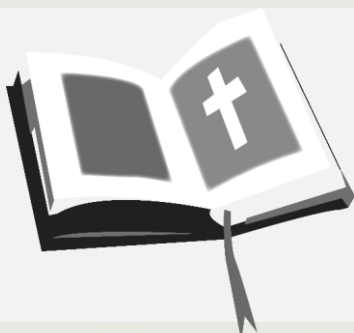
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Matthew 6:10 (NIV)



Then he said to them, “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me.”

Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. **Yet not as I will, but as you will.**”



Matthew 26:38–39 (NIV)



When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.



James 4:3 (NIV)



And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the
Father may be glorified in the Son.

You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.



John 14:13–14 (NIV)



As I talk to God, I must come with a willingness
to follow God's plan for my life.



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