

## PRAYER: MORE THAN WORDS

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“They committed themselves to the teaching of the apostles, the life together, the common meal, and the prayers. Everyone around was in awe—all those wonders and signs done through the apostles! And all the believers lived in a wonderful harmony, holding everything in common. They sold whatever they owned and pooled their resources so that each person’s need was met. They followed a daily discipline of worship in the Temple followed by meals at home, every meal a celebration, exuberant and joyful, as they praised God. People in general liked what they saw. Every day their number grew as God added those who were saved.” **Acts 2:42-47** Message

“Do Acts 2!”

**MAIN IDEA: Prayer is more than words.**

### 1. Prayer is CONNECTING with God.

“this is the real and eternal life: that they know you, the one and only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you sent.” **John 17:3** TM (Jer. 24:7; Hos. 6:6)

**WHO are you connecting with?** In your mind, what is God like?

“It is true that no one has ever seen God at any time. Yet the divine and only Son, who lives in the closest intimacy with the Father, has made him known.”

**John 1:18** JBP (Col. 1:15, 19-20; Heb. 1:3)

**How do you connect?**

### 2. Prayer CHANGES THINGS—it’s part of how God gets done what he wants done.

“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.”

**Luke 11:9-10**

“Whenever God is about to do something truly great, He first sets His people a praying!” **Matthew Henry**

### 3. If we’ll let it, prayer will call us deeper and OUTSIDE OURSELVES. “the prayers”

“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. 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**

*Prayers have taken them where they would not go on their own.*

*Racetracks to run on*

### 4. Prayer is an “US” ACTIVITY.