

2020 Vision: Refocusing on Prayer

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Dealing with Disappointment in Prayer

Mark 14:32-42



**Prayer can be wonderful,
but prayer can be
deeply painful.**



For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with us in our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are - yet he did not sin.



Once he prayed for a blind man and he was only half healed and he had to pray again.

Mark 8:22-26



**In the garden of Gethsemane,
he prayed that the cup of death
would be taken from him.**

But the Father said, no!

Mark 14:36



**On the cross, he asked God,
why have you forsaken me?**

Mark 15:33



There is one prayer that he is still waiting to be answered even today. He prayed in John 17, that we might be one.



**Jesus shows us how to
endure and handle
disappointment from God.**



**1. Choose to be vulnerable
with friends.**

Mark 14:33-34



2. Jesus prayed more earnestly. Luke 22:44



**And being in anguish,
he prayed more earnestly,
and his sweat was like drops
of blood falling to the ground.**

Luke 22:44



Hematidrosis – a rare medical condition in which the capillaries around the sweat glands can rupture under extreme anxiety and stress.



**One clear word from the
Father can bring more clarity
and comfort than a thousand
words from friends.**

Peter Grieg



**The prayer that Jesus prayed in
Mark 14:36, teaches us how to
pray in difficult times.**



He prayed “Abba Father.”

He affirmed his intimate relationship with God and what God meant to him.



**Jesus shows us that we can trust
God even when we do not
understand, what he is doing.**



He prayed
“everything is possible for you”
acknowledging and affirming
God’s sovereignty and power.



Jesus was honest in his prayer.



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three reasons why God
does not answer prayer:**

1. God's World



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2. God's War



**Your enemy the devil prowls
around like a roaring lion
looking for someone to destroy.**

I Peter 5:8



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three reasons why God
does not answer prayer:**

3. God's Will



**Yet not what I will but
what you will.**

Mark 14:36



Romans 8:28



Yield

Romans 12:1



Therefore, I urge you brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God – this is your true and proper worship.

Romans 12:1



**The last step in the design
of prayer is to Yield.**

Prayer is surrender.



Questions

1. What areas of your life, what circumstances or situations, what people in your life, need to be surrendered to God?
2. What does it mean for you to surrender all to God?
3. What steps do you need to take?

