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La Jolla Christian Fellowship
Sparking The Flames Of Revival
Episode 3: Kingdom Prayer.
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John 14:5-14

Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. ¹¹Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

If you could ask God for anything, what would it be?

- **John 15:7** *If you remain in Me and My words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.*
 - Jesus is not the only person in scripture to say "Ask Me for anything you want and I will do it for you."
 - **Mark 6:23** *And he promised her with an oath, "Whatever you ask I will give you, up to half my kingdom."*
 - **Esther 5:3** *Then the king asked, "What is it, Queen Esther? What is your request? Even up to half the kingdom, it will be given you."*
 - **Matt 4:8-9** *Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. ⁸"All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me."*

**We often limit prayer to acquiring a thing
when it is more often about acquiring kingdoms.**

- **Matthew 16:19** *"I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."*

Question: Was Jesus using hyperbole when He said that He would do anything you ask in His name?

- **Prayer is more about understanding what God wants to do other than coming up with your own agenda for God to bless.**

So why don't we pray?
The Boundaries Of Prayer
Guilt—Unbelief—Other Passions

Taking it to the streets: These questions are meant as a resource tool to help you dig deeper in small groups, with a friend over coffee, in a discipleship setting or with your kids.

1. When you go to prayer do you start with coming to a loving Father or a powerful yet distant God?
2. How could your prayer life change if you came to God as Father rather than whatever construct you have created in your mind and soul.
3. Has God ever disappointed you in prayer? How did this affect your walk with God.
4. Where have you put limitations on your prayer life?
5. What would be the most difficult thing you could pray for? Meaning, what do you think God might want you to pray for, but you are unwilling?