

Conversation Guide

Prayer pt. 4

Part 4 summary

- One of the main reasons why people walk away from their faith is that it seems as though God isn't answering their prayers.
- God cares more about growing us than sparing us pain. Even Jesus had to suffer and submit His will to the Father.
- God will give us everything we ask in Jesus' name—that is, according to His will. We can take heart that we are praying to the one who gave His life for us.

1. Our Father
2. Realignment
3. Stomach & Soul
4. In Jesus' Name

Discussion questions

01 Have you or someone you know ever walked away from God because of an unanswered prayer? Describe what happened.

02 What do you think the person in Question 1 needed? What would have helped him or her to continue following God?

03 How do you think we can be honest with God about our desires while still submitting to His will?

Diving deeper

Rom. 5:8 says, "[B]ut God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." If we see God as authoritarian and distant, it's understandable that we would hesitate to trust Him. How does pondering Jesus' death on the cross help us to submit our desires to Him? How is submitting our will to Him in this way different from obeying Him merely because it is the right thing to do?