

PARENTING CONVERSATIONS

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

“Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.” James 5:16
“Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.” Colossians 4:12

MAIN IDEA

Prayer is a huge part of Church of The Highlands, and a key ingredient to building a spiritually vibrant family. Prayer is more than just a “hail mary” to God, asking Him to fix an issue or help in a moment of crisis. It is easy to model praying for our kids in trouble or when a tragedy hits our family. But to build a spiritually vibrant family, we should not only focus on the pain but also pray life-giving prayers every day. Our prayer life practically paves the way to living lives for Jesus. Prayer is more than a 911 call to God. It is our lifeline and a daily conversation with God. Pastor Hamp and Colette encourage families to live a “Pray First” life by modeling a lifestyle of prayer. Starting every year with Twenty-One Days of Prayer, beginning every day praying together as a family, and training our kids to pray before every moment where they can. Be encouraged that prayer is not about being eloquent with perfect words but about showing your kids a consistent and authentic conversation with God. Be bold and share what is challenging you as you pray scriptures with your family!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1 What are some ways to model “pray first” for your children?
- 2 When could prayer be inserted into your daily routine?
- 3 What are areas in your own life that you treat prayer as a last resort instead of your first instinct?
- 4 The Greene’s encourage you to share prayer needs with your children. Being vulnerable shows and illustrates your need for the Lord and models humility. Why do you think that helps build the parent/child relationship? What are some situations you could share with your child as you step into a lifestyle of prayer?
- 5 What challenges do you expect to have to overcome stepping into leading your family in a lifestyle of prayer?

ACTION STEPS

Here are two significant passages of scripture you can pray over your family together: Psalm 91 and Ephesians 6.

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