

Use this daily Transformation Journal to learn how to study the Bible for yourself. Pray before you begin and ask God to bless you with insight and discernment as you ponder and respond to the questions, which are tools for your spiritual growth.

## Matthew 6:5-15

And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. 'When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

'Pray then in this way: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one. For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

## Sermon Notes

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### Suggested Reading:

*Your Journey to a Prayerful Life*—Barbara Schutt  
*When You Pray — Daily Practices for Prayerful Living*—Rueben P. Job  
*Too Busy Not To Pray*—Bill Hybels

## Monday, June 28

Most days, life is sprinkled with challenges – some large, some small. You can “count it all joy” because God's purpose is not to shake your faith or pull you down spiritually. God is about building you up and strengthening you! Learn to look beyond your present circumstances to see what God is producing in and through you: perseverance.

### James 1:2-12 and John 15:1-11

- According to James, 1, what can you expect to happen as a result of your commitment to persevere in the midst of challenges?
- From John 15, what is the relationship between your connection with Christ and your ability to persevere and be productive for God?

## Tuesday, June 29

Moses and the Israelites finally fled slavery in Egypt to head for God's Promised Land, but their journey required both perseverance and faith. When Pharaoh, ruler of Egypt, realized they were gone, he sent his best army to pursue them. Moses' faith in God led the Israelites to persevere even amid their fear – and a miracle unfolded.

### Exodus 14:5-31

- What was Moses' response to the Israelites' terror? How did they step out in faith?
- When you persevere in faith, God makes a way before you. Name a time when God has opened a path as you persevered.

