

**Part II**  
**Dynamic**  
**Lord's Prayer: Rooted and Grounded in Love.**

**Summary**

Lord's Prayer – before we talk about Thy Kingdom Come, I felt we needed to truly explore the Hallowedness of God, and one can't do that without exploring the rich doctrine of the Trinity.

Rich theology – so rich in invitation.

The Good News of the Gospel is that Jesus did all that was necessary so we could be invited into the circle of the Father, Son and Spirit; where you are not the centre but He is.

Where we are invited to join the Father, Son and Spirit in loving one another; where we become co-lovers.

**We talked about a couple of key implications of the Trinity a few weeks ago.**

**So let's take a look at this triangle again.**

Is it standing up? Father at the top and the Son and the Spirit at the bottom?

Remember, Father comes before the Son and the Spirit but is not above.

If He were above, that would imply hierarchy in the Trinity.

If we believe Father is above the Son and the Son is above the Spirit; if you believe this, then you will believe in hierarchy in every other area of life.

- Men over women.
- Rich over poor.
- White over black.

No, let's lay this triangle down.

From the Nicene Constantinopolitan Creed of 381 AD we read this.

*And in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spake by the prophets.*

We don't see hierarchy but mutuality in the Trinity.

We see this dance between father, son and Spirit.

And where are we invited?

Into the centre.

This is why we all stand on level ground at the foot of the cross.

Created in His image; so our lives follow the same patten.

Mutuality in the Trinity, mutuality with one another.

How we think and believe about the Trinity radically impacts how we view relationships.

How we view the opposite gender.

How we view sexual intimacy.

How we see other ethnic groups. How we view the poor.

We are all equal in weakness and need for grace. No one better than the other. No one above the other, but all face to face. On level ground.

But what if we have grown up in environments where something different has been modeled? Where women are seen as less than? Subservient to men.

What if at the core of who you are, you believe the rich are above the poor.

What if our soul has become distorted in this way; it's not just enough to know the truth intellectually is it.

We can't just make change happen on a heart level; it takes God to bring about that sort of change.

We can simply admit; confess, again and again...

And trust and invite Him to do it.

We've also been talking about this dance, between the Father, Son and Spirit and that you and I are invited into the circle of intimacy.

Something we've been talking about in the Deep Stream Sacred Rhythms is just how cautious we can be when it comes to pursuing intimacy with Jesus on a deeper level.

We've prayed, and gotten close to God and we learned how costly it can be; how out of control that can feel, we have prayed and expected and it didn't turn out quite like we imagined; so now we hold our cards close to our chest.

We come to God all armored up. In the world we have to wear armour; the world is harsh and it's wise to have healthy boundaries; you don't just give your heart to just anyone.

But the problem is we don't know when to take the armour off.

We come to God in prayer and we are all armored up. Shield is up.

And the Spirit gently invites us. Let your guard down.

Let me in.

It takes the Holy Spirit to help us see where we are armored up; it takes the Holy Spirit to show us how to peel back the armour and let Him in.

**Let's Pray. Let our guard's down.**

We talked about a number of dynamics last Sunday.

1<sup>st</sup> is ... Intimacy. 2<sup>nd</sup> is... Joy. 3<sup>rd</sup> is Servanthood. 4<sup>th</sup> is ... Purity.

## **5<sup>th</sup> is Power.**

Ever wonder about this thing called power?

The world distorts power? The lure of power for some is huge.

You can't study the power of God without coming across and studying the opposing sphere of power; the power of the Satan.

The literal meaning of the word Satan is Tester or Accuser.

The bible teaches that not only that evil spirits exist but also that they are actively hostile to all followers of Jesus.

Scripture says they accuse the brethren day and night.

1 Cor. Paul reminds us that we are not unaware of the devil's schemes –the key one being unforgiveness and bitterness.

1 Pet. 5:8 says "Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour."

2 Tim. 4:17 says, "But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength...and I was delivered out of the lion's mouth."

There are two powers at work.

**Eph 6:21** says, "For we are not fighting against flesh and blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places."

**TS:** If there is a distortion of power, than there must be a godly power that comes from above.

Think of the power that created the world, the universe. Put the stars into place.

At the centre of the universe is power.

Power that created rabbits and monkeys and deer and whales and humans.

Power that effortlessly flings planets and galaxies into space. Power that holds the universe together.

Think about that.

"Holds the universe together."

Do you know how much the earth weighs?

By best estimate it's six sextillion tons. That's a 6 followed by 21 zeros. Yet it's hanging there in space. Perfectly balanced, rotating on an axis at roughly 1,000 miles per hour.

Six sextillion tons spinning at 1,000 miles per hour.

And rotating around the sun at 19 miles a second, 1,140 miles per hour.

And the sun, which is a small star in comparison to others in the universe.

Do you realize that every square yard of the sun gives off 130,000 horsepower of energy? That's energy equivalent to 450 V-8 engines.

How many square yards are there on the surface of the sun?

Millions.

The Triune God holds all of this together.

The same God that can hold us together amidst trouble and hardship is the same God that holds all this together.

And to think that our sun is not the brightest or most powerful star in the universe.

Lots of power.

**Can you handle it?**

**Power?**

**Godly power?**

The power within the Godhead draws near to us to draw us within the circle of power.

Jesus told his disciples in Luke 24:49 that "They will be clothed with power from on high when the Holy Spirit comes upon them."

Jesus promises his church in Acts 1:5,8 that "you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit...all of you shall receive power."

Paul prays in Eph 1:19 that "God would open the eyes of our hearts to know the surpassing power toward us who believe."

This is talking about the same power that raised Jesus from the dead.

Power that seated Jesus at the right hand of God after His resurrection.

**Power over addiction.**

**Power to endure difficult circumstances and difficult people.**

**Power to endure suffering...**

**Power to worship amidst trouble...**

**Power to serve with joy.**

Power that shows up in utterly powerless situations.

This is the key. It's power in weakness. As we come to terms with our weakness; we can access His power.

Jesus said in 2 Cor. 12: 8. "My grace is sufficient for you; my power is made perfect in weakness."

**How many are weak? Have weakness? Takes humility to admit our weakness and our need for Him.**

**That on our own we don't have enough.**

**How many lack that sort of power?**

Need to be connected to the power source in order to have power.

Need to stop dabbling with Satan's counterfeit power; early church would stand and renounce Satan's works and ways...

Then turn around and declare the Apostle's Creed.

Pray that our hearts would be open to receive this power.

Power of the Holy Spirit more evident in our lives. That the eyes of our hearts would be opened.

**1<sup>st</sup> Intimacy. 2<sup>nd</sup> Joy. 3<sup>rd</sup> Servanthood. 4<sup>th</sup> Purity. 5<sup>th</sup> Power.**

**6<sup>th</sup> is Creativity.**

This servanthood, powerful God, creating for the sake of others.

At the centre of the universe is endless creativity.

Calling worlds into being out of nothing.

A kind of creativity that finds a way, where there seems to be no way.

A God that can't stop creating.

A God who no matter how He did it, whether it was in 6 literal days or in billions of years through intricate processes, we see a God who was involved all the way through, and is still at work creating.

Like coming to earth through the womb of a virgin.

Pretty creative wouldn't you say?

Overcoming death by letting death first overcome Him.

Like gaining the victory over the evil one by letting evil first have its way with Him.

And by bringing the crucified through the grave into a whole new order of existence which death cannot touch.

All pretty creative!!

Out of the box.

The kind of creativity that hasn't stopped creating a new work in you.

Did you know each of you have a unique spiritual SHAPE?

S- spiritual gifts  
H- Heart or passion  
A – Abilities  
P – Personality  
E – Life Experience

And he hasn't stopped creating something new in us.

What's God's promise...that He is faithful to complete that work...He is the author and finisher of your faith.

Maybe you don't like who you are; the Lord does. He delights in you.

I believe in developmental spirituality.

Do you get upset with your 8-month child because they can't walk? No, it's not where they are at. That's not the stage they're in. They'll get there, in due time.

God celebrates where you are today.

God's gifts, how he is re-making you, is the Trinity sharing His creativity with us.

**1 Cor. 12:4-6** says,

*"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all. 5 There are different kinds of service, but we serve the same Lord. 6 God works in different ways, but it is the same God who does the work in all of us."*

Creativity draws near to us...

To draw us within the circle of divine creativity, releasing all sorts of amazing gifts.

Releasing divine wisdom, knowledge, releasing divine prophesy (not fortune telling but forth telling), miracles, releasing divine helping, leading, enabling us to preach and to paint and to sculpt and to write poetry and make music and films and to build bridges and cities and to teach geometry and to invent, and to solve the world's problems, to grow gardens and to heal bodies and more, to even heal broken relationships.

These are the kinds of gifts God's Spirit is releasing into the church.

I wonder what Gifts God wants to pour out, release into us, The River Church?

The next part of the Lord's Prayer is Thy Kingdom Come.

For God's Kingdom to Come will involve us opening our hearts to more of His Kingdom.

Are we open?

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**7<sup>th</sup> is Peace.**

At the centre of the universe is peace.

Maybe that's a comfort to you, after talking about the spiritual gifts you are getting all worried and fearful.

God's peace.

Listening to the news we need to be reminded that at the centre of the universe there is peace.

Living through your present struggle and trial, you need to be reminded that at the centre of the universe is peace.

Trinity is not unaware of the chaos in the world.

The Trinity is not out of touch with the pain and the sorrow in the world, nor in your own heart.

It's just that the Trinity is not threatened by it at all.

The Trinity never panics.

We panic sometimes but He never panics.

The Triune God is never immobilized by fear.

He is never worried that something or someone will thwart His plans and purposes.

And this same peace draws near to you and to me; invites us near...to Himself within the circle of peace.

"Be still and know that I am God. (Ps. 46:10).

And His name will be called what...?

Prince of Peace.

And the government will rest upon His shoulders (Isa. 9:6-7).

Jn 16:33 says "I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world."

You and I can't overcome the world; but Jesus can...and did.

But it's about being connected to the Prince of Peace.

Invited into the circle of peace.

Where the Spirit of the Lord there is peace.

This is the Hallowed God we serve and call Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Our God who is not a solitary, lonely God but a God who is relationship. Who draws us close to Himself.

In those quiet times he whispers you are mine, and I love you.

Who draws close to us to draw us close to Himself.

Pulling us into the circle to join with Him in this Trinitarian Intimacy...

Participating in His Intimacy, Joy, Servanthood, Purity, Power, Creativity and Peace.

## **Pray**

### **Q & A**

Where is God inviting you to explore?

What do you long to experience more of?

You can't make it happen; you can just admit it; be honest and invite God to do it.

Longings...allow to come to the surface.

What gifts does God want to release into you? Into us as a church?