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"How do we remain in that love?"





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"If you can't love, you can't pray. Praying is loving. And learning to pray means learning to love." - Johannes Hartl







PRAYERIS ABOUT LOVE





Prayer is about relationship, and that means loyalty is the only container within which it can truly flourish.





"Prayer does not mean much when we undertake it only as an attempt to influence God, or as a search for a spiritual fallout shelter, or as an offering of comfort in stress-filled times. Prayer is the act by which we divest ourselves of all false belongings and become free to belong to God and God alone."

- Henri Nouwen "Letting Go of All Things."





Luke 11:1

"Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples."





"Do you think our love can create miracles?





"Pray to God more intimately than you think you're allowed to because prayer is about love. A disciplined prayer life tills the soil that love grows





"Here's my secret; pray with the heart of a lover, when you do it quenches your desires in such a satisfying way that everything else becomes the boring part."





Like old couples grow more like each other through years of companionship.

We grow more like Jesus over hours of conversation and years of companionship.





Acts 3:1

"One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer - at three in the afternoon"





Acts 4:23-24

"On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priest and the elders had said to them. When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God."





Acts 10:9

"About noon the following day as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the roof to pray."





Acts 2:42

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to <u>prayer</u>."





Commitments, not feelings, are how we show our love





A daily prayer rhythm

a structure to support our deepest desires, even when our feelings and emotions betrays

US





What anchors your day now?





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Is whatever you are loving concerned for your deepest well being?

Is it shaping you into the best version of you or is selfishness bubbling over?





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What if?

- 1. At the center of your everyday, you placed communion with the God who personifies love?
- 2. The waking thoughts of your day were spent dreaming with God dreams as big as "kingdom come" and as ordinary as "daily bread"
- 3. You slide away at midday for a few minutes or seconds, because every force is vying for your attention but only Jesus has your heart?
 - 4. Prayer was the way to the above, what if prayer increased your love for Him and your loyalty to Him?



Prayer Rhythm Practice

Morning: Pray through the Lord's Prayer

Midday: Pray for the Lost

Evening: Gratitude

