

A Call to Prayer
We Need to Talk

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18
Sunday, April 26, 2026

Pursing Balance...

The Word, the Spirit, and the family of faith helps us avoid living in error (balance rather than extremes). Where do you need help?

God is a speaking God. God is also a listening God.

How would you describe your relationship with God currently?

Focusing on our side of the relationship:

Romans 8:12-17

Heirs of eternal life cry, Abba! Father! (vs. 15).

Westminster Shorter Catechism:

Q1. What is the chief end of man?

Man's chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever.

"Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you" (James 4:8).

"Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need" (Heb 4:16).

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- Rejoice
- Pray
- Give thanks

“Do not quench the Spirit” (vs. 19)

*“For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence,
for my hope is from him.*

*He only is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress; I shall not be shaken.*

*On God rests my salvation and my glory;
my mighty rock, my refuge is God.*

Trust in him at all times, O people;

Pour out your heart before him;

God is a refuge for us” (Psalm 62:5-8).

I. The end goal of salvation is a _____ with God.

II. Prayer is a vital part of our _____ - it’s evidence that we’ve been adopted and have God’s Holy Spirit in us.

III. We’re to cultivate that _____, to grow in it, through expressing joy, asking God for what we need, interceding for others, giving thanks, and pouring our hearts out to the Lord.

How will you respond to God?

How can we help you?