

# 21 DAYS OF PRAYER AND FASTING WEEK 1

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## ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Reflecting on the anticipation for the new year, how can we collectively seek a fresh vision and clarity for what God wants to do in our lives and community? (Proverbs 29:18 - "Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.")
2. In the sermon, it was mentioned that our conversations with God need to be simple and sincere. How can we foster a prayer life that reflects this kind of authenticity? (Matthew 6:7 - "But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.")
3. How does the Lord's Prayer in Matthew 6:9-13 serve as a model for our prayers, and what aspects of this prayer can we incorporate into our daily communication with God?
4. The term 'Abba' signifies a deep, loving relationship with God. How can we grow in our understanding and experience of God as 'Abba' in our spiritual lives? (Romans 8:15 - "For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.")
5. Considering the interruption by a flying cockroach during the sermon, how can unexpected events or 'interruptions' teach us humility and authenticity in our faith journey? (James 4:6 - "But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.")
6. In what ways does the sermon challenge us to reframe our problems as opportunities for growth and discovering our purpose in God? (Romans 8:28 - "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.")
7. Discuss the significance of embracing God's enduring love for us and how it impacts our sense of self-worth and purpose. (1 John 3:1 - "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.")
8. The sermon invites us to embark on a 21-day spiritual journey. How can committing to this kind of focused prayer and reflection bring about change in our relationship with God? (Daniel 10:2-3 - "In those days I Daniel was mourning three full weeks. I ate no pleasant bread, neither came flesh nor wine in my mouth, neither did I anoint myself at all, till three whole weeks were fulfilled.")
9. Reflect on the idea presented in the sermon that the quality of our relationship with God is a direct reflection of our prayer life. How can we cultivate a consistent prayer life that draws us closer to God? (1 Thessalonians 5:17 - "Pray without ceasing.")
10. How can we, as a community, support one another in speaking life and truth into the next generation, affirming their identity in Christ as mentioned in Psalm 139:14? ("I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.")