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In Matthew 6, the disciples have asked Jesus to teach them to pray. Over the course of his instruction, Jesus makes it clear how to pray (and how not to pray). He shares that "the Father already knows what you need before you ask him." So, if God already knows your needs, why bother praying?

Scripture: [Matthew 6:9-13 NIV](#); [Proverbs 30:8-9 NIV](#)

Bottom Line: Pray your way to surrender.

Getting Started:

1. Do you remember the first time you ever swam? Do you remember what it was like to learn how to swim?
2. Think about the last time you prayed. Why did you pray at that time?

Jumping In:

3. Have you ever had to do without...steady income? Food? Something else? How did you pray? Did a change in fortune change your prayers?
4. Do you find it difficult to let go and release control of your life over to God? Why do you think this might be?

Discuss:

5. Andy summarized the three things Jesus asks us to pray for as provision, pardon, and protection. Which of these three things do you find easiest to pray about? Which do you find most difficult?
6. Read [Proverbs 30:8-9](#).
 - a. What stands out to you?
 - b. Would you be willing to pray those verses every day this week?
7. Are you hesitant to pray, "And forgive my sins as I also have forgiven everyone else of their sins against me"? Is there someone you need to forgive today?

8. Andy said, "When I focus on the work God has yet to complete in me, I am far less concerned with the work he has yet to complete in you."
 - a. How does this statement resonate with you?
 - b. What is one way you have grown (or need to grow) when it comes to applying this?
9. Compared to most of the world, many of us run the risk of losing an active sense of dependence on God because we have so much. How can our prayers help combat that?

Moving Forward:

This week, try praying this prayer that Andy dared us to pray in the message:

"Heavenly Father, thank you for who you are. Keep falsehood and lies far from me. I declare my dependence on you. Give me neither poverty nor riches, but give me only my daily bread. Don't give me more than you know I can handle. Otherwise, I may have too much and disown you and say, 'Who is the Lord?' Or I may become poor and steal, and so dishonour the name of my God. Amen."