

Recovering Prayer

Have we lost what it means to pray?

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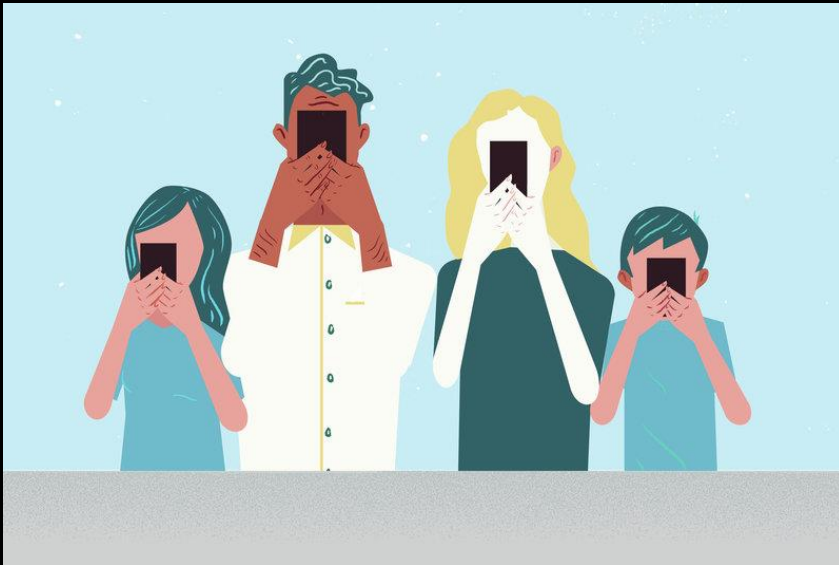


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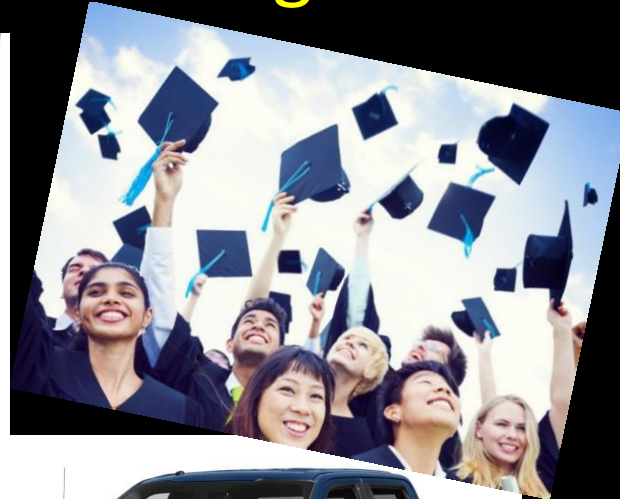


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We live in a world of
material comfort and instant gratification.

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Here's a problem

We live in a world of selfishness.

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BLACK FRIDAY

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-when we are **not alert**-

Prayer is...

-a last resort/forgotten altogether

-when we are **not alert**-

Prayer is...

-a selfish wish list

-when we are **not alert**-

Prayer is...

-a late thank you card

-when we are **not alert**-

Prayer is...

-a magical phrase/good luck charm

-when we are **not alert**-

Prayer is...

-more about us than God

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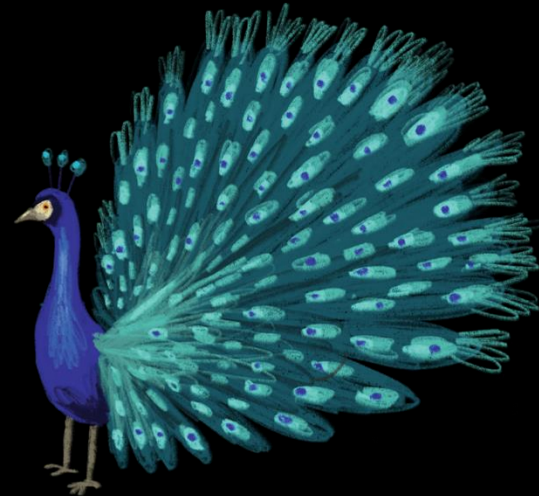
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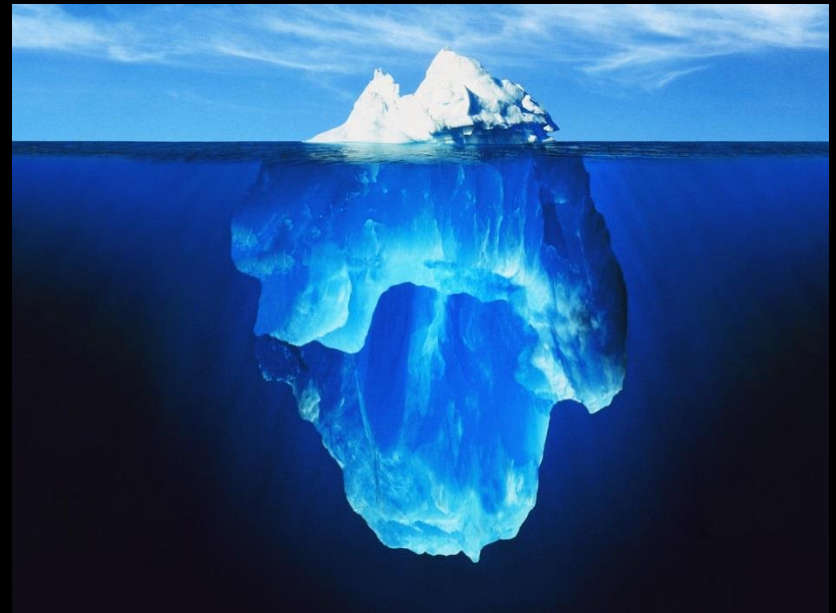


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1 Kings 18:25-29



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How does the Enemy want you to pray?

Prayer is Counter-Cultural

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My Motives – unaware of reality

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My Motives – held sway by the powers of this
world

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My Motives – unformed by Christ

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My Motives – impractical for Christ's Kingdom

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Counter-cultural prayer seeks **solitude** from the noise.

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Counter-cultural prayer **slows us down** to truly process life.

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Counter-cultural prayer **frees us from slavery to comfort.**

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Counter-cultural prayer place us at Jesus' feet.

Recovered BY Prayer

So what?

PRAY!

So what?

Pray from an awareness of reality.

So what?

Pray from a place of surrender.

So what?

Pray His increase, your decrease.

So what?

Let God have it, all your needs and fears!

So what?

Be ready for uncomfortable answers.

So what?

Be recovered from this world by prayer.

“Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.”