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Series: Abide: Cultivating Intimacy with Christ

Sermon Title: Walking the "Desire Paths" of Biblical Prayer

Scripture: [Colossians 1:9-14](#); [1 John 5:13-15](#) (Other Various Passages)

(Pro Tip: click on the passages linked above to be taken to a page with all the passages in one location.)

Main Idea: Biblical prayers are like "desire paths" that take you right to the heart of God.

OUTLINE

1. Biblical prayers will keep you grounded by looking to the hope laid up for you in heaven (Colossians 1:3-6; 1 John 5:13).
2. Biblical prayers will teach you to seek God's glory and will above all else (1 John 5:13-15).
3. Biblical prayers will usher you to the beauty of confession of sin and repentance (Psalm 38; James 5:13-16).
4. Biblical prayers will help you learn how to grow in sanctification by God's grace (Colossians 1:9-14).
5. Biblical prayers will teach you to look for and be thankful for signs of God's grace (2 Thessalonians 1: 3-4; Colossians 1:3-4).
6. Biblical prayers will guide you in paths of wisdom (Colossians 1:9-10; Philippians 1:9-11).
7. Biblical prayers will coach you in how to cry out to God (Psalm 77; Romans 8:26-30).

DISCUSSION GUIDE

1. What are some ways you see signs of God's grace at work?
2. What can you identify as the main purpose of prayer based on Pastor Matt's sermon?
3. What examples are given for types of prayers we should engage in? This is only a sampling. What are other types of prayer you can identify in the Bible?
4. Which of the types of prayer are you most familiar with? Least familiar with?

5. What practical steps can you take to start incorporating the idea of 'desire paths' into your prayer life?
6. What is the significance of looking to the hope laid up for us in heaven?
7. Discuss what it means to seek God's glory and will above all else? How does this relate to asking whatever we wish and seeing prayer answered?
8. What role does confession of sin and repentance play in biblical prayer?
9. End with time in prayer, practicing praying any one of these (or another) passage of Scripture.