

# Welcome to the Family



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# 40 Days of Prayer

## October 16-November 24

## Next Weekend

- 24-Hour Prayer Vigil (Fri/Sat)
- Praying for Memphis Sunday
- Collecting Items to Bless Others

# When I Pray...

# Learning From Jesus



- Jesus' life is an amazing example of prayer.

# Luke 5:16

<sup>16</sup> But Jesus Himself would *often* slip away to the wilderness and pray.

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# Learning From Jesus



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- Jesus' night before the cross is an amazing example of prayer.

# Mark 14:32

<sup>32</sup> They came to a place named Gethsemane; and He said to His disciples, “Sit here until I have prayed.”



# Luke 22:39-46

<sup>39</sup> And He came out and proceeded as was His custom to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples also followed Him.

<sup>40</sup> When He arrived at the place, He said to them, “Pray that you may not enter into temptation.”

# Luke 22:39-46

<sup>41</sup> And He withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and He knelt down and *began* to pray,

<sup>42</sup> saying, "Father, if You are willing, remove this cup from Me; yet not My will, but Yours be done."

# Luke 22:39-46

<sup>43</sup> Now an angel from heaven appeared to Him, strengthening Him.

<sup>44</sup> And being in agony He was praying very fervently; and His sweat became like drops of blood, falling down upon the ground.

# Luke 22:39-46

<sup>45</sup> When He rose from prayer, He came to the disciples and found them sleeping from sorrow,

<sup>46</sup> and said to them, “Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not enter into temptation.”

# Luke 22:41

<sup>41</sup> And He withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and He kneled down and *began* to pray,

<sup>42</sup> saying, "Father, if You are willing, remove this cup from Me; yet not My will, but Yours be done."

# Learning From Jesus



➤ We all need our Gethsemane places.



# When I Pray...



1) I gain closeness with God.

## Luke 22:41-42

<sup>41</sup> And He withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and He knelt down and *began* to pray,

<sup>42</sup> saying, "Father, if You are willing, remove this cup from Me; yet not My will, but Yours be done."

# James 4:8

<sup>8</sup> Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. ...

# Psalm 63:1-3

<sup>1</sup> O God, You are my God; I shall seek  
You earnestly;  
My soul thirsts for You, my flesh yearns for  
You,  
In a dry and weary land where there is no  
water.

# Psalm 63:1-3

<sup>2</sup> Thus I have seen You in the sanctuary,  
To see Your power and Your glory.

<sup>3</sup> Because Your lovingkindness is better  
than life,  
My lips will praise You.

# When I Pray...



2) I gain strength from God.



# Luke 22:40,46

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# Luke 22:40,46

<sup>45</sup> When He rose from prayer, He came to the disciples and found them sleeping from sorrow,

<sup>46</sup> and said to them, “Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not enter into temptation.”

## Luke 22:43

<sup>43</sup> Now an angel from heaven appeared to Him, strengthening Him.

<sup>44</sup> And being in agony He was praying very fervently; and His sweat became like drops of blood, falling down upon the ground.

# Jeremiah 12:5

<sup>5</sup> “If you have run with footmen and  
they have tired you out,  
Then how can you compete with  
horses?  
If you fall down in a land of peace,  
How will you do in the thicket of the  
Jordan?

# When I Pray...



3) I gain perspective on life.

## Luke 22:42

<sup>41</sup> And He withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and He knelt down and *began* to pray,

<sup>42</sup> saying, "Father, if You are willing, remove this cup from Me; yet not My will, but Yours be done."



# Matthew 26:42

<sup>42</sup> He went away again a second time and prayed, saying, “My Father, if this cannot pass away unless I drink it, Your will be done.”

# Psalm 13:1-6

<sup>1</sup> How long, O LORD? Will You forget me forever?

How long will You hide Your face from me?

<sup>2</sup> How long shall I take counsel in my soul,

*Having* sorrow in my heart all the day?

How long will my enemy be exalted over me?

# Psalm 13:1-6

<sup>3</sup> Consider *and* answer me, O LORD my God;

Enlighten my eyes, or I will sleep  
the *sleep of* death,

<sup>4</sup> And my enemy will say, “I have  
overcome him,”

*And* my adversaries will rejoice when I  
am shaken.

# Psalm 13:1-6

<sup>5</sup> But I have trusted in Your  
lovingkindness;  
My heart shall rejoice in Your salvation.

<sup>6</sup> I will sing to the LORD,  
Because He has dealt bountifully with  
me.

# When I Pray...



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4) I gain guidance in life.

# Luke 22:42

<sup>42</sup> saying, “Father, if You are willing, remove this cup from Me; yet not My will, but Yours be done.”

# Joshua 9:14

<sup>14</sup> So the men *of Israel* took some of their provisions, and did not ask for the counsel of the LORD.

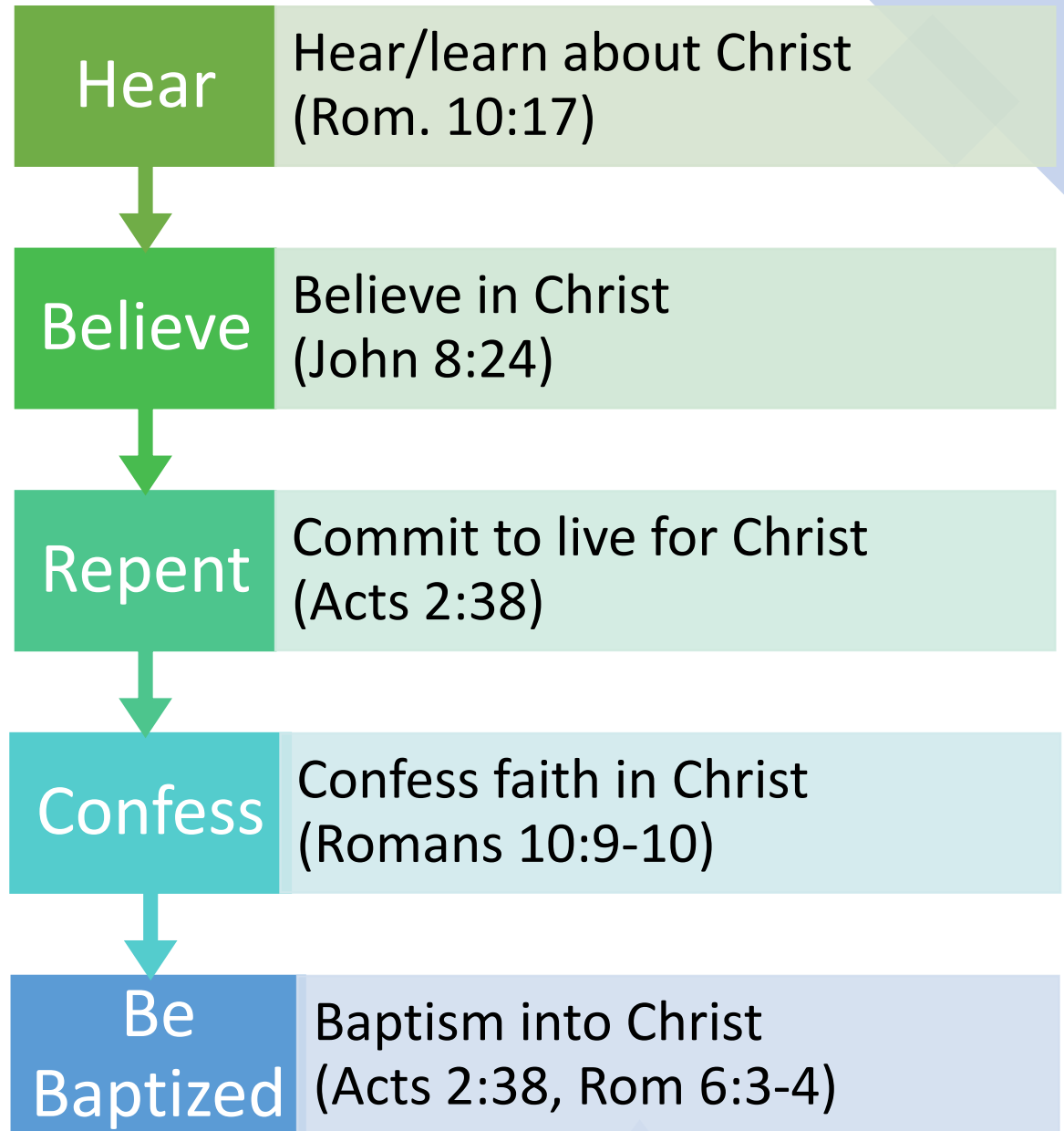
# Psalm 127:1

<sup>1</sup> Unless the LORD builds the house,  
They labor in vain who build it;  
Unless the LORD guards the city,  
The watchman keeps awake in vain.



May we always make  
time for prayer—  
it will change our lives!

# What Must I Do To Be Saved?



# James 5:16

<sup>16</sup> Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.