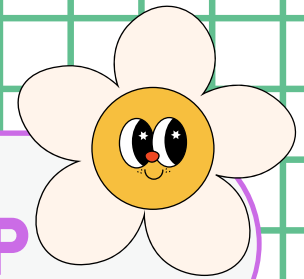




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CHODAE COMMUNITY CHURCH

SEED FAMILY WORSHIP

Connecting Parent and Child Generation through a Spiritual Conversation

WHY PRAY WHEN GOD KNOWS IT ALL?

READ 2 SAMUEL 12:15-23

...ASK AND IT WILL BE GIVEN TO YOU; SEEK AND YOU WILL FIND; KNOCK AND THE DOOR WILL BE OPENED TO YOU. 10 FOR EVERYONE WHO ASKS RECEIVES; THE ONE WHO SEEKS FINDS; AND TO THE ONE WHO KNOCKS, THE DOOR WILL BE OPENED. (LUKE 11:9-10)

FAMILY ACTIVITY

"WHO AM I?"

Prepare: A list of key words (template provided)

1. This game is referenced from Korean 스무고개 game. A leader shows one keyword to a person (no one else is allowed to see). A person then sits in front of everyone.

2. Rest of the people are divided into two teams. Each team is allowed to ask 10 questions to a person sitting in the front. While asking total 20 questions, the first team who guesses the keyword correctly wins.

In the game, 20 questions were necessary in order to figure out what the person sitting in the front was thinking in his/her head. This helps us to think that it is necessary for us to ask God, listen to His answers and to have enough conversation time to figure out God's way of thinking and His plans.

We believe in God's sovereign power and His rule over our lives. We also trust in His unchanging plans for us. This comforts and encourages us. But at the same, it also makes us question, why should we pray if God already has decided everything in our lives?

In today's story, King David steals Bathsheba from a man who was her husband. David secretly killed the man, took Bathsheba to be his wife. They had a child as a result but this was confronted by a prophet. David was warned that a child will die as a result of his sin. David finally realized his wrong doing, fasted and prayed to God earnestly. But in the end, the child died as God has spoken. All the people and servants around David was concerned for him for the death of his child. But in contrast to their concerns, David stood up, washed himself, put on oil, changed his clothing, went into temple to worship God. Then he came back to the palace and ate.

David's reaction to what God has decided to do is quite surprising. He was not in despair, rather he worshiped God. This was because of the time he spent in prayer before God.

At times people leave church because they are disappointed at God's response to their prayers. Or they leave church because everything ended up well and so that they no longer felt the need to pray. It is because for these people, the purpose of their prayer was in getting what they wanted. They missed the true meaning of prayer is in achieving God's purpose and will in our lives. At the end of his fervent prayer, David's son died, but he accepted the result because he knew this was God's will, so he worshiped God. God's answer to our prayer may be different from what we expect but we know it is always better. As we come and pray everyday, we come to perceive and understand His will for our lives. We come to follow and obey His ways because we know they are the best.

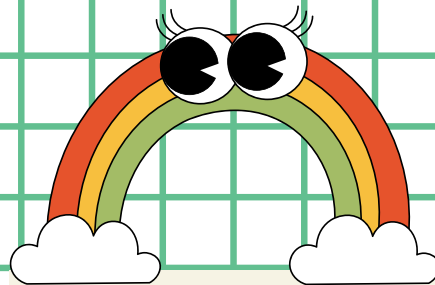
TALK



1. Have there been people whose thoughts are so different from you? Have you ever gotten to know them so well, then your thoughts about them changed?
2. What are some things that you are praying for earnestly? What do you think God's thoughts are for those prayers?
3. Summarize what you learned today in one sentence or phrase.
4. Let's share our prayer needs and pray for one another.

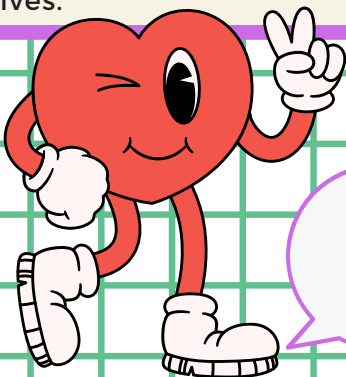
CONCLUSION

God is a grand, big God who made us and who rules over us, including our past, present and future. Yet, we still doubt His ways in our lives. But somehow we know His ways are always the best and He is a good God. When we pray, our hearts learn to trust in His goodness and perfect plans. We come to understand how God sometimes thinks 'differently' from us. God always goes beyond our ways and plans everything in love. So He chooses to allow certain things in life. When we attach ourselves to the result of prayer, we could never understand God. God wants us to see there are bigger, higher and deeper things that are beyond just the answers to the prayers. God wants us our mind and thoughts to grow closer to His ways, will, and purpose for our lives.



ENDING PRAYER

Dear Lord, Open our thoughts and mind so that we will be diligent to go to You in prayer. When we kneel before You, our thoughts will start to resemble Yours, and our will to be shaped and molded into Yours. We trust that You are able to grant us more and beyond what we ask of You because You love us so much. Help us to stay in our time of prayer with You. In Jesus' Name we pray, Amen.



Seed Worship Training meeting takes place every last Sunday of the Month after 3rd Service Worship (1-1:30PM) at PJM Room, Education Building (Snack provided). All of our curriculum and video resources can be downloaded at Chodae Church website!

Key Word Example

1. 만나 Manna
2. 불기둥 Pillars of Fire
3. 구름기둥 Pillars of Cloud
4. 시내산 Mt. Sinai
5. 까마귀 Raven
6. 엘리야 Elijah
7. 기도 Prayer
8. 십자가 Cross
9. 홍해 Red Sea
10. 요셉 Joseph