

GROWN-UP PRAYERS

PART 2: GIVE US

Do you remember learning how to swim? One of the reasons learning to swim is difficult is because it requires something we all naturally resist: surrender. We have to let go of the side of the pool and, in doing so, we are introduced to a world we would've never known otherwise.

As long as a child insists on having their way, they get in the way of learning to swim. Their childhood fear of water has the potential to sentence them into a lifetime of fear. So good parents insist their children learn to swim... even when they prefer to be on the land.

CONNECT

Do you remember learning how to swim? How long has it been since you went swimming?

LEARN

You will watch a shortened version of a message from this series to set up your group discussion. Watch the full message sometime this week as a reminder of what you talked about today.

APPLY

After sharing what stood out from the video, discuss the following questions as a group:

1. The purpose of prayer is to align our wills with God's will. Is there something in you that hesitates to pray, "Your will be done"? What are some reasons that can be difficult? Why is it difficult for you?
2. Read **Matthew 6:11**. In the video, Andy said, "This is the part of the prayer where we remind ourselves that God is our ultimate provider—not just for what we eat—everything." How aware are you that God is the ultimate provider of the things around you?
3. Read **Proverbs 30:8–9**. What stands out to you? Would you be willing to pray these verses? Why or why not?
4. Read **Matthew 6:14–15**. Did you know Jesus ended the Lord's prayer with these verses? What does this say about the importance of forgiveness?
5. In the video, Andy asks, "Is there anyone you have refused to forgive? If so, would you be willing... not now... but soon... would you be willing to decide to cancel their debt as you expect your heavenly Father to cancel yours?" How would you answer those questions?





6. In the video, Andy said, “When I see me as I truly am, I’m better positioned to love you in spite of our differences and in spite of what you’ve done to me.”

Have you found this to be the case? How can this perspective help you forgive those around you?

BEFORE NEXT TIME

Today, Andy covered two of the three things we pray to God for: provision and pardon. Jesus leaves us surrendered. Dependent. And forgiven.

This week, find a place, choose a time, and get alone. Commit to praying **Proverbs 30:8–9** every day.

PRAY

Take some time to pray individually. Thank God for his provision and for him to show you if there is anyone you need to pardon. Then, have someone close in prayer.

