



PRAY LIKE JESUS WEEK 1 | JOHN 17:1-5 Pastor Mark Owens

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Pray with the same posture, purpose, confidence, and alignment like Jesus

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POSTURE

"He lifted up his eyes to heaven"

Our prayer posture reveals if we are seeking to magnify God or magnify self

So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me." - John 11:41

To you I lift up my eyes, O you who are enthroned in the heavens! - Psalm 123:1

And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³ And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. ³⁴ And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵ And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly - Mark 7:32-35

- Eyes up – Shows an expectant heart
- Kneeling – reverence and humility
- Standing – respect and readiness
- Hands up/ hands down – (UP) places us in a position to receive (DOWN) to release what we have been holding onto
- Walking – ongoing movement and communion with God

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: ¹⁰ "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' ¹³ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' ¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted." - Luke 18:9-14



PURPOSE

"Father, the hour has come..."

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. - Hebrews 4:14-16

I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. - John 17:4

CONFIDENCE

"since you have given him authority over all flesh"

- Confidence-- God has ultimate control
- Confidence-- God holds never-ending power
- Confidence—God is trustworthy with everything
- Confidence—God's will shall be done
- Confidence – God desires to hear from us

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. - John 10:10

ALIGNMENT

"to give eternal life to all whom you have given him."

- Jesus aligned with God's mission:
 - "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit," - Matthew 28:19
- An aligned heart has a kingdom first perspective
- An aligned heart is servant-minded
- An aligned heart bears the mark of relationship not rituals.

And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent - John 17:3

And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed. - John 17:5

I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. - John 15:5

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