

WORKSHOP TITLE	THE MEETING PLACE: The Tension of Praying, Waiting, and Being Content
SCRIPTURAL REFERENCE	1 Thessalonians 5:17 and Mark 9: 23-24 ICB
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WORKSHOP FOCUS	Our Personal Relationship with God is Our Lifeline

1. God loves us and desires to have a relationship with us
 - a. John 3:16, Revelation 1: 5 John 15:9-15)
 - b. Jesus can be trusted and relied upon as our Redeemer, Good Shepherd, the Vine Way Truth and Life (John 14:6) (John 15:11)
 - c. All authority on heaven and earth has been given to him ((Matt 28:18), He is the King of Kings. He is God the Son
 - d. He will never leave or forsake you (Matt 28:20) (Hebrews 13:5-6)

2. The Privilege of Prayer
 - a. We are God's children, and He is our Father. (John 1:12-13, Romans 8:14-23, 1John 3:2)
 - b. Jesus set the example of prayer
 - c. Jesus taught his disciples how to pray. Matthew 6:9-12
 - d. Because of Jesus we can go boldly to Throne of Grace (Hebrews 4:16, John 14:6)

3. The essential element of Prayer
 - a. Belief and Trust in God (Hebrews 11:6, Proverbs 3:5-6)

 - b. Acknowledge the Majesty and Greatness of our God & Father. Ephesians 5:19-20
 - c. There is no one right way, place or time to pray
 - d. Pray without ceasing is a way of living in presence of God 1 Thessalonians 5:17

- e. Seek to listen and hear from God through Bible Study, Meditation, and Quiet time of Communion with God (James 4:8, John 14:26)
 - i. Remembering, reflecting and recording Goodness of God in your life.
 - f. Expectantly and patiently watch for God's answer Mark 9:23-24
 - i. Still small voice
 - ii. Scripture
 - iii. Others
 - iv. Not a passive position
 - v. Circumstances
 - vi. God's timing and ways not like that of mankind
 - vii. Trust His answer is the best one
 - g. God answers many kinds of prayers, thanksgiving, praise, petitions, intercession, confession,
 - h. Never stop praying-He does not condemn us (1 John 1:9)
4. Personal prayer is one way God loves us and we show we love him. (Ephesians 3:16-21)