

**Simple (Summer Series) | July 21, 2019**

*Praying - Roxana Kreklo*

*The Lord is waiting to show you mercy and is rising up to show you compassion. Isaiah 30:18 CSB*

- 1. Prayer begins with PRESENCE.** "...Abraham stood before the LORD." Genesis 18:22b
- 2. Prayer is selfless as it moves to PETITION.** Prayer that flows out of spending time in the presence of God yields bold petitions as we stand in the gap between heaven and earth.
- 3. Prayer is attentive, not ritualistic, and knows its authority.** "Peter said, I don't have any silver or gold for you. But I'll give you what I have. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth get up and walk." Acts 3:6
- 4. Prayer is fervent.** "The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much." James 5:16 NKJV some synonyms for 'fervent' are: impassioned, passionate, intense, element, ardent.

*How can we explore prayer today?*

- Start with PRESENCE. Just being present with God - showing up - is a form of prayer.

- *"If you only have 10 minutes to pray, start with 7-8 minutes of worship." Derek Prince*
- *Let the first thoughts and word of each day be directed at Him. He may gently lead you to confession. Quietly listen to the sounds of His voice speaking "to your guts" as Henri Nouwen would put it.*
- *Then let your requests and petitions be made known to Him... Just talk with Jesus (aloud) about everything. Leave Jesus out of nothing.*
- *Be attentive to the voice of the Holy Spirit throughout your day - where ever you are.*
- *Pray the Scriptures (ie. Psalm 139:23-24; Psalm 27:4) Study the Scriptures and add your own.*
- *Enjoy the journey!*

#### *Further Resources:*

Prayer - Finding the Heart's True Home by Richard Foster

The Practice of the Presence of God by Brother Lawrence