



"A Life that Overflows Prays like Jesus"

John 17: 1-26

If prayer is defined as "_____ and _____ with God," then Jesus is the best example of what that should _____ like.

Anyone who knows God personally can go deep into prayer and experience a *Life that Overflows* LIKE JESUS DID.

1. "Jesus prayers" _____ everything with the _____ of God. (vv. 1-5)

*What is your ultimate desire for this life
and with your prayers?*

2. "Jesus prayers" _____ everything on the _____ of God. (vv. 6-19)

*To what extent do you view every detail of your
life through the lens of the purpose of God?*

3. "Jesus prayers" _____ Christian _____ and a Christ-exalting _____ for the _____ of the nature of God. (vv. 20-26)

What will your prayers sound like this week?

Choose to Trust God in This New Year

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"It was by [faith](#) that Noah built a large boat to save his family from the flood. He obeyed God, who warned him about things that had never happened before" ([Hebrews 11:7](#) NLT).

Faith is obedience when you don't understand it. In just the New Testament alone, there are 1,050 commands, and they're all there for your benefit. God says things like, "Love your enemies" and "Forgive the people who hurt you." That's not easy! There are a lot of commands in the Bible that seem difficult, unreasonable, unrealistic, unachievable, or even impossible....He commands us because he knows best and knows what will make you happy more than you do.

Every time God tells you to do something, it's a test of your faith. The question is this: Do you trust God, or do you trust your gut? Do you trust the Word, or do you trust the world?

We're starting a new year, and these are important questions to ask. How will we answer them this year? Will we trust God, or will we do what we think we should do, regardless of God's direction? Will we trust the Word of God, or will we trust what the world says we should do?

As a kid, did your parents ever ask you to do something that seemed unreasonable? When you asked them, "Why should I do this?" they would say, "Because I said so!"

Looking back at some of the things your parents told you to do "because they said so," was it the right thing? Yes. Can you see in hindsight now how they were wise? God will say the same thing the rest of your life, not just when you're a kid. When you're 80 years old, God is going to be saying, "I want you to do this." And you're going to go, "Why? That doesn't make sense." And God will say, "Because I said so."

It is a test. Faith is believing when you don't see it, but it's also obeying when you don't understand it. If you do not learn to obey, you'll miss so many blessings in life that God has in store for you. But if you learn to do what God tells you to do without question, even when it seems absurd and the exact opposite of your natural tendency, then you're going to grow in faith, and you're going to get blessed.

Let's make responding in faith our focus for this New Year!... What steps of faith can you take this year in obedience to God?