



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Opening Question

What's your experience with New Year's resolutions? Have you ever made a resolution that didn't turn out the way you expected?

Key Takeaways

- 1.) Prayer is not something to be taken lightly; it can have unexpected outcomes.
- 2.) Our relationship with God should be personal but not casual.
- 3.) God often provides what we request, but rarely delivers it how we expect.
- 4.) Surrendering our will to God's is crucial for spiritual growth and breakthrough.

Discussion Questions

- 1.) Pastor Zach mentioned the saying, "Be careful what you pray for, you just might get it." How do you interpret this in light of your own prayer life?
- 2.) The sermon highlighted examples from King David and Isaiah. How do these biblical figures' prayers challenge our modern approach to prayer?
- 3.) How has your understanding of prayer evolved over time? Do you tend to approach God casually or with reverence?
- 4.) Pastor Zach said, "God has your best interest in mind. But that doesn't mean he satisfies our desires the way we want them done. That means he satisfies our needs the way we need them done." How does this statement resonate with your experiences?
- 5.) What are some areas in your life where you find it difficult to pray, "Not my will, but yours be done"?
- 6.) How can we maintain faith and perseverance when our prayers seem to go unanswered or when the answers look different than we expected?



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Practical Application

- 1.) *21 Days of Prayer Challenge*: Commit to participating in the church's 21 days of prayer initiative. Sign up for daily text messages if you haven't already.
- 2.) *Prayer Journal*: Start a prayer journal to record your prayers and God's responses. Look for unexpected ways God might be answering your prayers.
- 3.) *Surrender Exercise*: Each day this week, intentionally surrender one aspect of your life to God, praying "Not my will, but yours be done."
- 4.) *Accountability Partners*: Pair up with someone in the group to check in weekly about your prayer life and how you're seeing God work.
- 5.) *Study Biblical Prayers*: Choose one prayer from the Bible (e.g., Psalm 139, Isaiah 6, or Jesus' prayer in Luke 22) to study in-depth this week. Reflect on what it teaches you about approaching God in prayer.