

**October 7, 2018 SERMON NOTES**  
**SERIES: 40 Days of Prayer**  
**A Beginner's Guide to Prayer**

**I. Four foundational truths about prayer.**

A. God loves for me to talk with him about \_\_\_\_\_.

1. There is nothing \_\_\_\_\_ in talking to God.

I John 5: 14-15: *"We can be confident in approaching God, knowing that he listens to us whenever we ask him for anything according to his will. And since we know that he hears us when we make our requests, then we can be sure that he will answer us."*

2. Two things to remember about prayer.

Prayer is a \_\_\_\_\_, not a ceremony.

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B. God listens to prayers that are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

1. We are told to approach God with a sincere heart and a \_\_\_\_\_ faith.

C. God likes to show \_\_\_\_\_ by answering prayer.

1. When you pray there are always four possible answers to your prayer.

Sometimes God says: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.

D. God longs to be \_\_\_\_\_.

In order to get close to God you must \_\_\_\_\_.

Psalm 25:14: *The Lord is a friend to those who fear him. He teaches them his covenant.* (NLT)