

Ground Zero

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People often consider prayer as optional, nice but not needed. Contrarily, prayer is Ground Zero! That place, situation or moment where something begins or is the most impactful. Your whole eternity changed at your first prayer of belief in the gospel. That was prayer? Yes. You heard or understood God's Word to you, and you responded to Him. It may not have been verbal, but it was the Spirit of God reaching to your soul and drawing forth a response of faith. Prayer! You passed from death to life at that moment. That is impact! That is the ground zero of your eternity with God.

Galatians exhorts us to continue our Christian life in the same manner in which we began. We hear the Word, we experience God by faith, and we respond. Again, that is prayer. Therein is the Christian life. That is the foundation for walking by the Spirit.

Many believers can believe that Jesus being God would stoop to become a man. They believe He would endure a life on earth of being despised and rejected by those He created and then suffer immeasurably on the cross to pay the price for their sin. Yet they cannot find the faith to believe that He would now sit with them in the quiet and commune with the object of His great love over His Word to them.

Prayer is where we intersect with God over His Word. Jesus is the source of all life and at the center of God's plan. *All things were created by Him and through Him and for Him (Col. 1:16)*. All aspects of our lives find their source in Christ. Jesus is the epicenter of all of life, ground zero.

God initiated our creation and our salvation. Though Jesus prays for us and God initiated the opportunity of prayer, He now commands us to initiate this relationship with Him in prayer. *"Draw near to God and He will draw near to you" (James 4:8)*. You first!

How to Start a Cords of Three Prayer Ministry

Step 1 – Commit yourself to God as His servant to begin this new prayer ministry. Ask Him to help you identify one or two (max.) other believers and invite them to join you each week for a 10-15 minute phone prayer meeting. Don't expect everyone to say "yes."

Write the names below of those you are going to invite to join you.

Step 2 – Organize an initial phone meeting to decide on the logistics (day, time, who will initiate the call, etc.). Put it on your calendar and don't let anything supplant it.

Step 3 – Resolve to begin on a specific date and to be committed to the Lord, to each other, and the weekly prayer meeting.

Step 4 – Deploy. Get started. It may seem a bit awkward at first, but your *Cords of Three* prayer ministry will quickly become a powerful spiritual influence in your life and the lives of those you meet with each week.



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