

Becoming a Person Who Prays Dangerously
Message 01 in the series "Dangerous Prayers"

1. Does your prayer life bring God glory?

Most of our prayers have as their main objective personal comfort rather than God's glory.

"You do not have, because you do not ask God. When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures." James 4:2b-3 (NLT)

2. Why do my prayers need to be dangerous?

a. Safe, lukewarm prayers don't draw us closer to God or help us reveal His love to the world.

"Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that *is* in the world - the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life - is not from the Father but is from the world." 1 John 2:15-16 (ESV)

"I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth." Revelation 3:15-16 (ESV)

b. Every moment of dangerous prayer will be filled with His presence.

"...Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke fits perfectly, and the burden I give you is light." Matthew 11:28 (NLT)

"If you look for me in earnest, you will find me when you seek me." Jeremiah 29:13 (NLT)

3. How do I become a person who prays dangerously?

We must be willing to surrender our will to God's will for our lives.

"Father, if you are willing, please take this cup of suffering away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine." Luke 22:42 (NLT)

"I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing... But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted! When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father." John 15:5,7-8 (NLT)

Connect Group Questions

1. On a scale of 1-10, with one representing lame and ten representing faith-fueled, what would you rank your prayer life last week and why?
2. When is spending time in prayer easiest for you, and when has going to God in prayer been hardest for you?
3. Is there a dangerous prayer that you know you should be praying but are afraid to pray?
4. If God helped you grow in one area of your prayer life, what do you think it would be and why?
5. The Bible is clear that God's power will come with His answer to your dangerous prayers. How does that change your prayer life?
6. Surrendering our will to God's will brings us a life of peace and contentment. Knowing that truth, what is stopping you from surrendering?

