

FAMILY CHALLENGE - DAY 4

TODAY WE LEARNED THAT GOD ALWAYS HEARS OUR PRAYERS. HOW WONDERFUL TO KNOW THAT GOD LISTENS NO MATTER WHEN, WHERE OR HOW WE REACH OUT TO HIM. TODAY'S FAMILY CHALLENGE WILL STRETCH YOUR WHOLE FAMILY'S PRAYER LIFE AS YOU COMMIT TO PRAYING TOGETHER MORE.

FAMILIES TYPICALLY DON'T PRAY TOGETHER ENOUGH. OFTEN WHEN THEY DO PRAY IT'S A BOOKEND PRAYER--STARTING THE DAY AND/OR BEFORE BEDTIME. OR IT'S IN APPRECIATION OF A MEAL. NO MATTER WHAT YOUR CURRENT FAMILY PRAYER HABITS MIGHT BE, IT'S LIKELY YOU SHOULD BE PRAYING MORE TOGETHER. IDENTIFY A TIME OF THE DAY FOR THE NEXT WEEK THAT EVERYONE WILL STOP WHAT THEY ARE DOING, COME TOGETHER AND PRAY. DON'T PUT A TIME LIMIT ON IT, BUT ENCOURAGE EVERYONE THAT THE GOAL IS TO LEARN TO BE SATISFIED IN GOD'S PRESENCE. IT WILL ALSO BE HELPFUL TO THINK AHEAD OF TIME ABOUT WHAT YOU'LL BE PRAYING ABOUT:

- **PRAY THE SCRIPTURES. PICK OUT A FEW KEY VERSES AND PRAY THEM OUT LOUD TOGETHER.**
- **PRAY FOR OTHERS. IDENTIFY PEOPLE IN YOUR LIFE THAT NEED GOD'S INTERVENTION AND INTERCEDE ON THEIR BEHALF.**
- **PRAY IN THANKSGIVING. MENTION BY NAME THE WONDERFUL THINGS THAT GOD HAS DONE FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.**
- **PRAY FOR OUR LEADERS. ASK GOD TO GIVE WISDOM, PROTECTION AND COURAGE TO THOSE WHO LOOK OUT FOR US.**
- **PRAY FOR YOURSELVES LAST, BUT DO PRAY FOR YOURSELVES.**

PARENTS, HOW WOULD YOU FEEL IF YOU KNEW YOUR KIDS WOULD PRAY WITH THEIR FAMILIES ONE DAY? WELL, THIS IS THE FIRST STEP IN WORKING TOWARD THAT! MAKE FAMILY PRAYER A PRIORITY FOR THE NEXT WEEK AND ASK GOD TO KEEP ITS IMPORTANCE ON YOUR HEART GOING FORWARD.

