

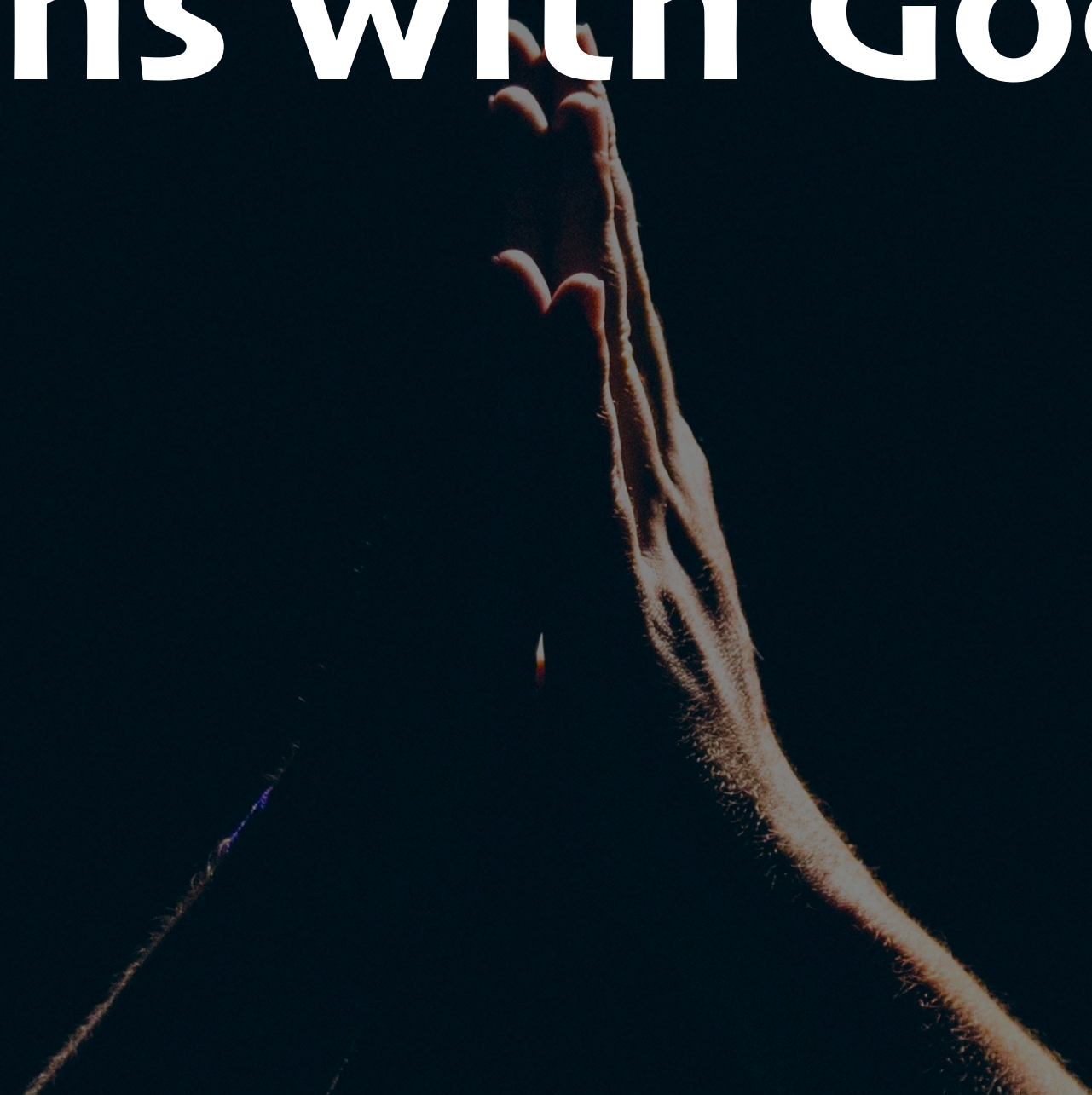
# when you pray

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Last week:

Prayer begins with God's presence.

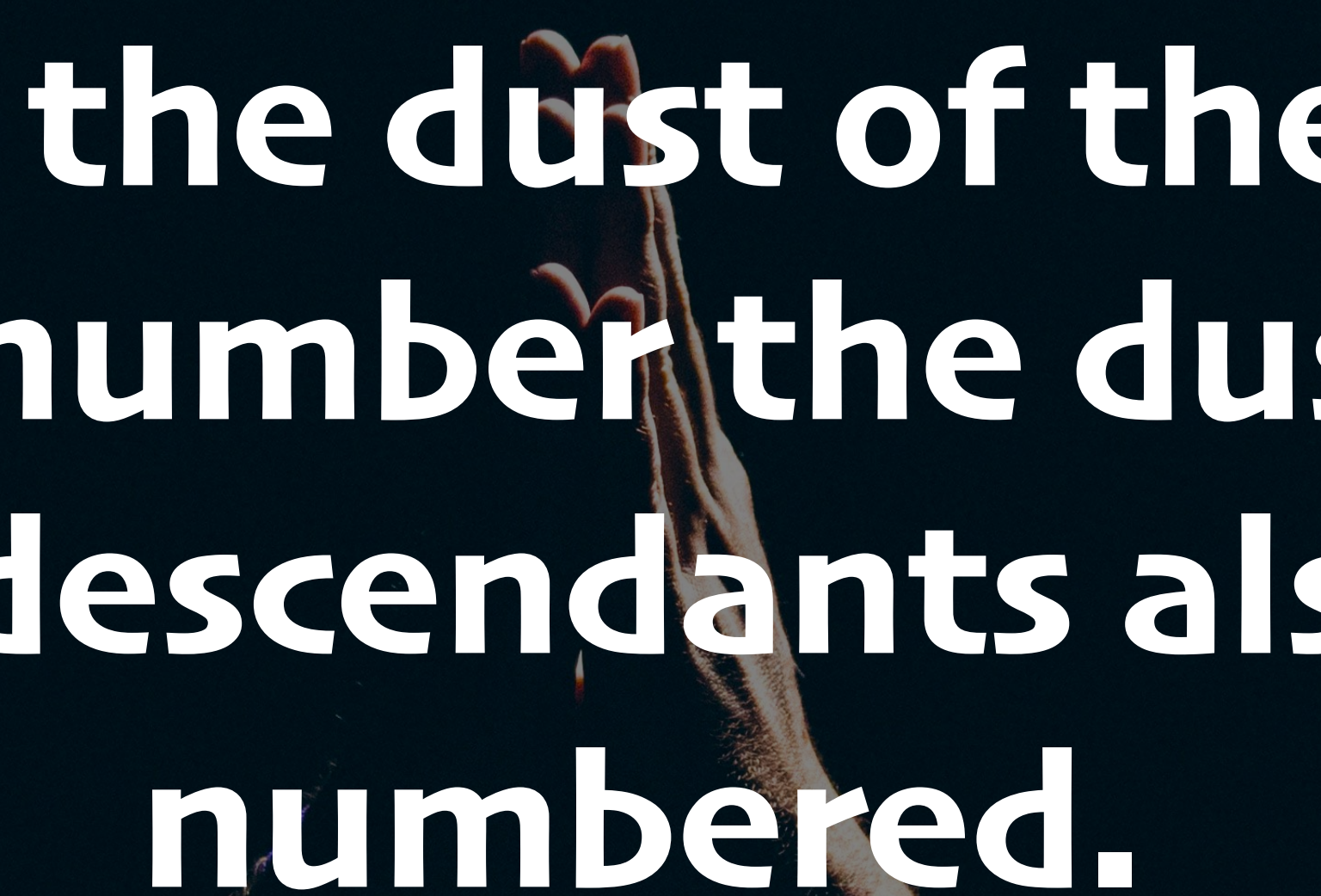


**This week:**

**Prayer explores God's promises.**



**“Lift your eyes now and look from the place where you are—northward, southward, eastward, and westward; for all the land which you see I give to you and your descendants forever. And I will make your descendants as the dust of the earth; so that if a man could number the dust of the earth, then your descendants also could be numbered.**

A close-up photograph of a hand with fingers slightly spread, reaching upwards. The hand is positioned in the lower center of the frame, appearing to reach towards the text above. The background is a dark, gradient blue.

**Arise, walk** in the land through its length and its width, for I give it to you.' **Then Abram moved his tent**, and went and dwelt by the terebinth trees of Mamre, which are in Hebron, and built an altar there to the Lord."

Genesis 13:14-18

New King James Version



## The Tent:

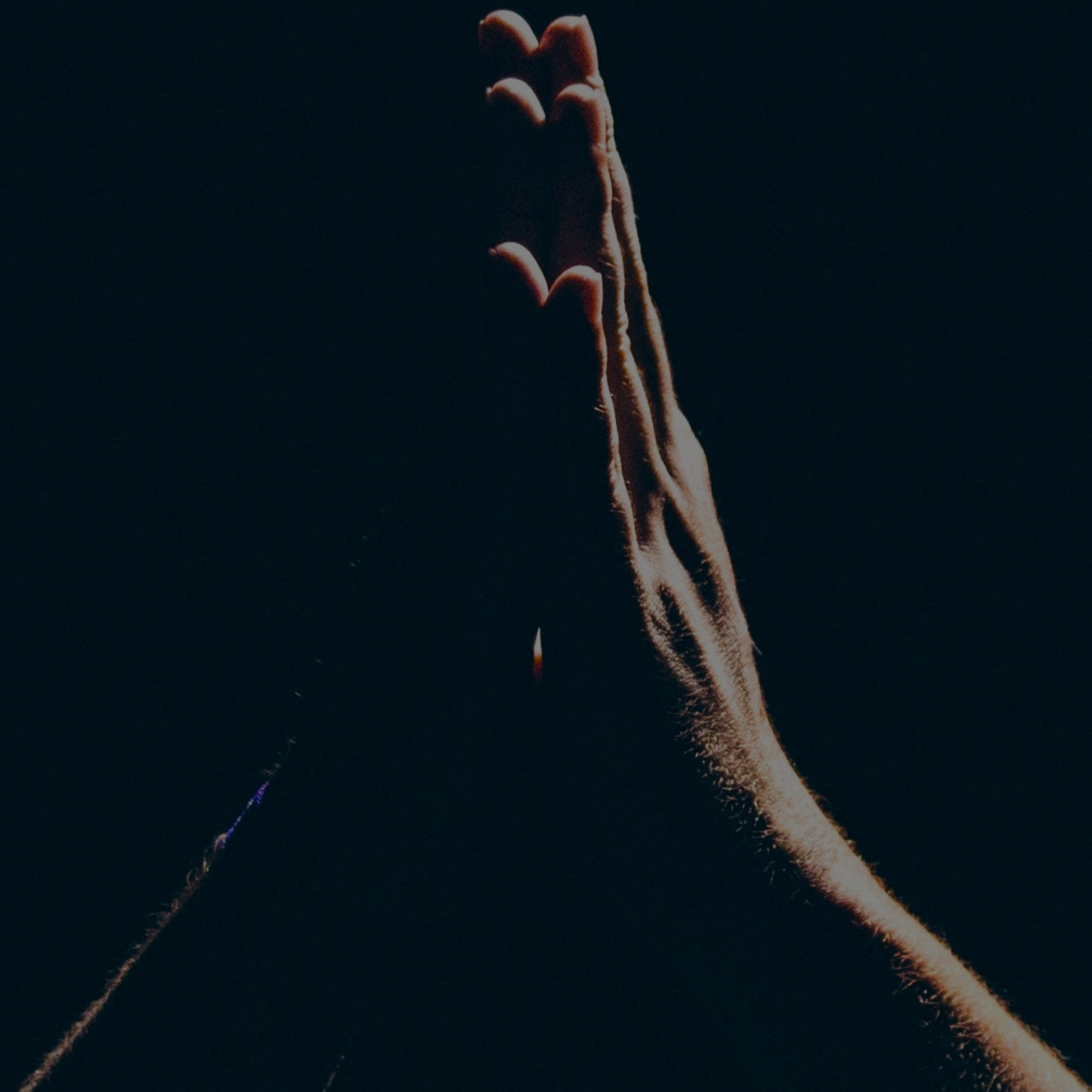
**The “tent” represents your current life  
and relationship with God.**

A close-up photograph of a hand with fingers spread, reaching upwards in a gesture of prayer or praise. The hand is illuminated from below, creating a strong contrast against the dark background.

## The Tent:

1. The tent of ignorance .
2. The tent of bad motives .
3. The tent of passivity .
4. The tent of wrong priorities .
5. The tent of promises .

**Prayer explores God's promises.**





**“One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, ‘Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.’”**

Luke 11:1  
New International Version

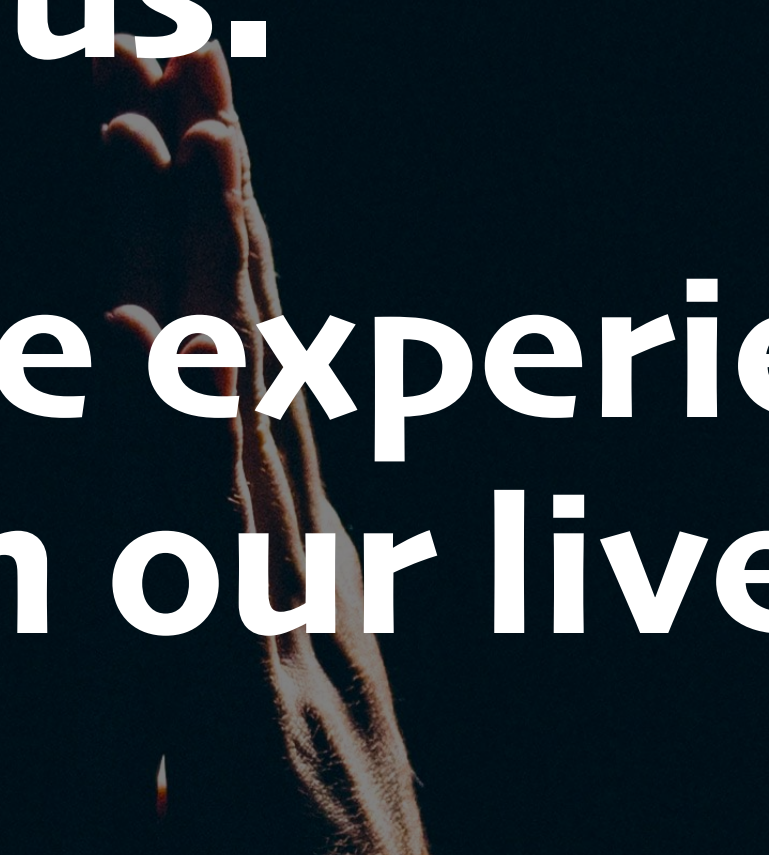


**“Magnified and hallowed be His great name into this world which He created according to His will. And may He establish His kingdom during your life.”**


Kaddish, Jewish Liturgical Prayer

A close-up photograph of a hand raised in prayer, with fingers slightly spread and palm facing forward. The hand is positioned in the lower center of the frame, reaching upwards towards the text. The background is a dark, gradient blue.

# Why I wanted to learn to pray?

1. Because I was ignorant of prayer.
  2. Because I was taught that it is how we build friendship with Jesus.
  3. Because it's how we experience His power and presence at work in our lives and in the lives of others.
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- A hand is raised in a gesture of prayer, with fingers slightly spread and palm facing forward. The hand is positioned in the lower right quadrant of the image, extending upwards. The background is a dark, gradient blue, and the overall lighting is soft, highlighting the contours of the hand.

# Why I believe prayer is important for us?

1. Because I want you to desire to become more like Jesus and prayer is a joyful and beautiful way that can help us achieve that desire.
  2. Because I want you to have a growing confidence in your ability to pray, believing anyone can do it.
  3. Because I want your praying to be energized by the fact that anyone can make a difference through prayer.
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- A close-up photograph of a hand with fingers spread, raised in a gesture of prayer or supplication. The hand is positioned in the lower right quadrant of the slide, partially overlapping the text of the third point.

**Five observations from Luke 11:1 that motivate us to move our tent and explore the promises of God.**



**What can we observe from Luke 11:1?**

**What can we apply from our observations?**

**Jesus prayed and is still praying.** (Hebrews 7:25)

**Pray and keep praying. There are breaks, but no finish lines.**

**The disciples were physically close enough to hear and see Jesus pray.** (Luke 11:1, Luke 22:40)

**Because of proximity in prayer, we can agree, learn, be encouraged and deepen friendships.**

**Prayer was common among people and religious leaders.** (Matthew 6:5-8, Luke 18:9-14)

**Praying doesn't mean we're weird. It means we're normal.**

**What can we observe  
from Luke 11:1?**

**What can we apply from  
our observations?**

**Asking questions about  
prayer is positive and  
encouraged.**

**Prayer is relational, so  
we keep learning and  
practicing.**

**A faceless, unnamed disciple  
cracked open the eternal gift  
and practice of prayer for all  
followers of Jesus.**

**We, a people of no fame,  
pedigree or expertise can  
make a difference in the  
lives of others by praying.**

**“To cultivate the spirit of prayer one needs to rely on the Spirit of Prayer.”**

Mark Chironna

A close-up photograph of a hand raised in prayer, with fingers spread and palm facing forward. The hand is positioned in the lower right quadrant of the image, partially overlapping the author's name. The background is dark and out of focus.



**“Prayer is God’s ordained way to bring  
His miracle working power to bear on  
human need.”**

Wesley Duet

A close-up photograph of a hand raised in prayer, with fingers slightly spread and palm facing up. The hand is illuminated from the side, creating a strong contrast against the dark background.

**“Payer is partnership with God for the transformation of history.”**

**Bob Bakke**




**“Prayer is finding out what the Father wants, then standing in Christ before Him and asking Him to do it by the power of the Holy Spirit.”**

Graham Cooke



# How can one take responsibility for this message?

1. Pray.
  2. Pray with another.
  3. Pray the promises that God has given you.
  4. Teach someone how to pray.
  5. Join a small group and learn by listening and practicing.
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