

# Stay Connected with Confidence

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**Staying connected with someone you care about is vital to the long-term health of a relationship.**

*What happens when people stop communicating with one another?*

**Your God invites you to connect with Him in your words and thoughts.  
The Bible calls this *prayer*.**

## **Matthew 7:7-8**

Jesus said, "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened."

**When you stay connected with God, you have a direct line to the King of the universe—and He genuinely cares about the details of your life!**

## **1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

## **When you connect with God, pray...**

- **In the name of Jesus, trusting in Him as the One who brings you to God.**

### **John 16:23**

Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, My Father will give you whatever you ask in My name."

- **With unwavering confidence in the Lord to hear and answer your prayers.**

### **Matthew 21:22**

Jesus said, "If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer."

- **According to God's will, knowing that He is watching over you.**

### **Luke 22:42**

(Jesus prayed:) "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from Me; yet not My will, but Yours be done."

## **1 John 5:14**

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.