

"God's Not Helping" Help, God Doesn't Make Sense! Series Pastor Mark 9.30.18

<u>3 thoughts about prayer:</u>

1) True prayer isn't about getting my way, it's often about **SURRENDERING MY WILL**!

"Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet <u>**not my will, but yours be done.**</u>" Luke 22:42

"Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me." 2 Corinthians 12:7

- 2) Prayer reminds me I'M NOT IN CONTROL & it keeps me close to the ONE WHO IS!
 - Three times **I pleaded with the Lord** to take it away from me." 2 Corinthians 12:8
 - "But God said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Verse 9
- 3) Prayer isn't just ASKING, it's also TRUSTING!
 - "I will boast all the more gladly about <u>my weaknesses</u>, so that <u>Christ's power may rest</u> on me. That is why, for Christ sake, <u>I delight in weaknesses</u>, in insults, in hardships, I In persecutions, in difficulties. For when <u>I am weak</u>, then <u>I am strong</u>." Verses 9-10
 - Time <u>WITH GOD'S PRESENCE</u> heals wounds!