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**Matthew 6:5-13 (NIV)** - 5 “And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. 6But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. 7And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. 8Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

9 “This, then, is how you should pray: “‘Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, 10 your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. 11 Give us today our daily bread. 12 And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. 13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. ’

## PREVIEW REVIEW:

- How do you pray?
  - In Hypocrisy (performer, actor, pretender) or Honesty (truthful, open, sincere)
- Who is your audience?
  - For God and Others for Yourself or For Yourself for Others?
- What is your script?
  - Say what you need to say or beat around the bush?

## THIS WEEK: WHO IS YOUR GOD? – OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE YOUR NAME

### OUR FATHER – RELATIONSHIP

**Romans 8:14-17 (NIV)** - 14For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. 15The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “*Abba*, Father.” 16The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. 17Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

- HIS, YOURS or OURS?
- FATHER – ABBA (A) & PATER (G)
  - Intimacy – Obedience - Trust

### IN HEAVEN –

- Hebrew - **Shamayim** – “Heights”
- Greek - **Ouranos** – “Raised up & Lofty”
  - Atmosphere, Planetary & Godly
- WHERE, WHO, HOW, WHY or YES?
  - Higher, Raised Up, Above... Holy

## HALLOWED BE YOUR NAME

- Agios (G) – holy – set apart
- Hagiazō (G) – To *make* holy

## QUESTIONS:

- What was your main takeaway from the sermon this week?
- What does holy mean?
- If God is holy, how can we possibly be “holy”?
- How does your image of God affect how you pray?
- How has your relationship with your earthly father shaped your relationship with God?
- Since God is our Father, others in the church body are our brothers and sisters. Who has God placed in your life that needs a brother/sister in Christ this season?