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“KEEPING COMPANY”  
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**3. Prayer is the \_\_\_\_\_ for freedom.**

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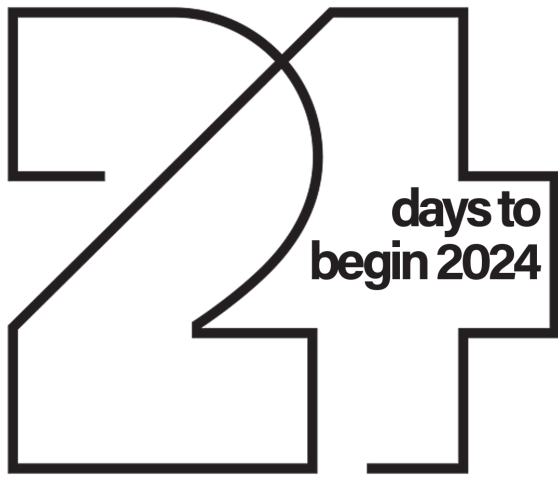
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**DISCUSSION  
QUESTIONS**  
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**[CONNECT]**

Did you ever have prayers you learned when you were little? Do you remember any of them?

**[ENGAGE]**

What impacted you the most personally from the message?

**[GROW]**

What does prayer mean to you? Does prayer make you think of certain rules and ways you “have to” do it? Sometimes we bring baggage from our past around something like prayer. Is there anything like that for you?

Read Luke 11:1-4.

- Even though the disciples grew up in a very religious way, they wanted Jesus to teach them to pray. Why do you think they wanted that?
- What do the different parts of Jesus prayer teach us?

The first point of the message was about “keeping company” with God. When you think of “keeping company” with someone, what comes to mind? How would you keep company with God?

Does it bring you peace know that God simply wants to be with you, or does it make you nervous or anxious? Dig a little deeper and ask why you feel that way?

Have you ever been someplace that corrects your perspective and makes you feel in awe of God? What was it? God doesn’t want us to feel insignificant, but He does want us to see Him and know Him fully. Read Psalm 46:10. What would it take for you to “be still” and know Him?

**[LEAD (YOURSELF)]**

How will you embrace this 24 day challenge? How can you make a plan to engage in these 4 things...

- Read the Bible
- Pray
- Fast
- Reflect