

Overflow

Learning From Jesus “How To Pray”

Matthew 7:7-11

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Pay Attention To The Context

- **What comes BEFORE?**
“Where do I find grace and strength to do this?”
- **What comes AFTER?**
“God, I’m trusting your wisdom and goodness.”
- **What does the REST of scripture say?**
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- **James 4:3** **Wrong Motive**
- **Psm 66:16** **Holding onto sin**
- **1Jn 3:22** **Not walking in obedience**
- **1Jn 5:14** **Not asking in His will**
- **Prov 21:13** **Not listening to needs of poor**
- **1Pet 3:7** **Not treating spouse well**



The Importance Of Jesus' Language

- **Our prayer is to be ongoing**
- **Our prayer is to be intensive**
- **Our prayer is to be persistent**



Three Ways Jesus Speaks of Prayer

- **Ask:** Lit = to ask for something you want, crave or desire
- **Seek:** Lit = to search for something unseen, hidden or missing
- **Knock:** Lit = To rap on...to persist in pursuing something with diligence and persistence

We ask for what we need, we seek what we earnestly desire and we knock when our desire becomes persistent!



The Confidence We Have When We Pray

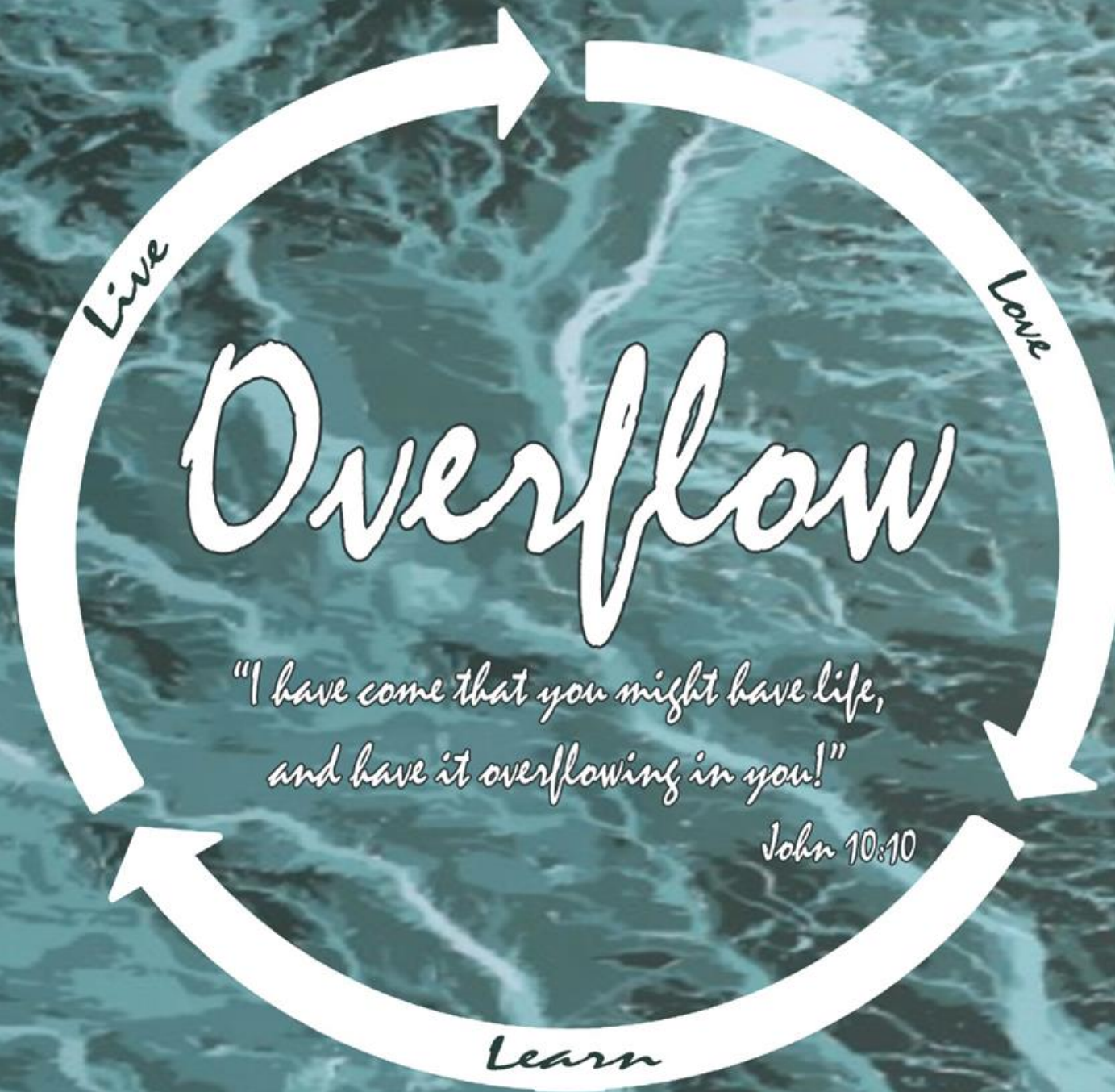
- We have a heavenly Father
- He loves us deeply and completely
- He desires **ONLY** the best for us
- He will give us what we **NEED**
- He will **NEVER** give us something harmful...even when we ask for it!



“We do not live in a praying age. WE live in an age of hustle and bustle, of man’s efforts and man’s determination, of man’s confidence in himself and in his own power to achieve things, an age of human organization, and human machinery, and human push, and human scheming, and human achievement; which in the things of God means no real achievement at all...What we need is not so much some new organization, some new wheel, but ‘the Spirit of (God)’ in wheels we already possess!”

R. A. Torrey 1955





Live

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*"I have come that you might have life,
and have it overflowing in you!"*

John 10:10

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