Presence Driven Prayer

2 Samuel 5:12 KJV
And David perceived that the LORD had established him king over Israel, and that he had exalted his kingdom for his people Israel's sake.

A new way of thinking cannot be contained in an old identity.

Proper identity produces Sonship.

Jesus served from the Father's pleasure not to obtain it.

Jesus lived to please the Father, not himself.

Our identity needs to come from how He sees us.

We must believe Him over our assessment of ourselves.

Sonship comes from understanding the love God has for us and in the intimacy of the secret place. Sonship is about the relationship we have with God the Father.

We have full access to come into God's presence.

We have new access to the father in Christ.

Matthew 27:51
And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split.

Jesus himself is the new temple – the new Most Holy Place – with no curtain barring us from intimacy with Him or the Father.

I. Jesus modeled presence driven prayer.
A. Jesus prayed often.

Luke 5:15,16
15 But now even more the report about him went abroad, and great crowds gathered to hear him and to be healed of their infirmities. 16 But he would withdraw to desolate places and pray.

B. Jesus prayed authentically.

Matthew 27:46

46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Matthew 26:39

And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, “My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will.”

Praying authentically comes from a heart connection.

Matthew 6:7

And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words.

II. There is a difference between praying to God and praying in His presence.

A. It is possible to pray to God without actually being in His presence.

When we are speaking with someone proximity matters

Praying without presence is like talking to a spouse in another room.

When we are praying it is not just a list of requests but it is a heart connection.

Religion says prayer is hard, but Jesus said my yoke is light.

God wants to both hear from you and speak to you.

B. The presence of God is when the Holy Spirit comes into the room.

Omnipresent or manifest presence?

Omnipresent is the character trait of God that He is present everywhere at the same time.

Manifest presence is the act of making know, clear or obvious that He is there with you.

When He is in the room something happens!

III. Six Practical steps for presence driven prayer

1. Make a place for Him.

2. Welcome Him in and open the door.
Psalm 100:2,4

Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!

3. Acknowledge that He is in the room.

4. Stay with Him.
John 15:4,7
Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless
if you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.
Except it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.

5. Pray with Him
Romans 8:26
Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what
to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with
groanings too deep for words.

Prayer is a place of exchange.
Fear and doubt exchange for Faith and Peace

Jesus exchanges His desires for our desires.
Pray the Word!

6. Listen to Him

When you pray with God daily in His presence, we can call these daily encounters.
The depth of your time spent praying in His presence is directly correlated to the
amount of fruit you bear, confidence in identity, and preparedness for spiritual warfare.
Praying in His presence is the key to waling in everything that God has for you.

Mark 14:32-42
They went to a place called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.” 33 He took Peter, James and John along with him, and he began to be deeply distressed and troubled. 34 “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death,” he said to them. “Stay here and keep watch.” 35 Going a little farther, he fell to the ground and prayed that if possible the hour might pass from him. 36 “Abba, Father,” he said, “everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.” 37 Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. “Simon,” he said to Peter, “are you asleep? Could you not keep watch for one hour? 38 Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak.” 39 Once more he went away and prayed the same thing. 40 When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. They did not know what to say to him. 41 Returning the third time, he said to them, “Are you still sleeping and resting? Enough! The hour has come. Look, the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. 42 Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!”