

#### 4. Confidence

*There is not in the world a kind of life more sweet and delightful than that of a continual conversation with God. --Brother Lawrence*

☀ Formulas and evidence - (*John 14: 13-14*)

☀ Trustworthy friends - (*1 Thessalonians 5:17*)

☀ Concentrate on the talk

*"This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us - whatever we ask - we know that we have what we asked of him" (1 John 5:14-15).*

Its not so weird you know

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**Series: 'The Rule of Life.'**

**WEEK 2:**      Living In Prayer

#### INTRODUCTION:

*The Third Petition of the Lord's Prayer is repeated daily by millions who have not the slightest intention of letting anyone's will be done but their own.-Aldous Huxley*

#### 1. Us humans and prayer:

☀ Communication, design and effectiveness

☀ The point of prayer – (*Matthew 5:44*)

☀ Where do we fit? (*Matthew 6 10-14*)

## 2. Personal prayer

*Our ordinary views of prayer are not found in the New Testament. We look upon prayer as a means for getting something for ourselves; the Bible idea of prayer is that we may get to know God Himself. --Oswald Chambers*

☀ Be yourself (**John 15:7**)

☀ Roots

☀ Baggage

### 2.1 Working for Jesus

*I have so much to do that I spend several hours in prayer before I am able to do it.—John Wesley*

☀ Because I'm worth it (**John 15: 8**)

☀ What is happening to me? (**John 15:5**)

☀ Just say it. (**Matthew 26:50**)

## 3. Group prayer

*Rich is the person who has a praying friend. --Janice Hughes*

☀ Prayer flair

☀ Vulnerability, judgment and the way forward (**James 5:16**)

☀ Tear and share