



## **Experience 13: Prayer**

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Matthew 1:23

*'Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel' (which means, God with us).*

Ever ponder what it means that God is with us? Right here, right now, God is with you. I think prayer often gets a bad rap because it's a word we don't quite understand. But what if prayer simply means relationship? Relationship with the God who is with us. What would you do, what would you say to God if you could see him in the room with you right now? Would you tell him about your day with all its highs and lows? Would you ask him questions such as

why he chose to paint the sky blue? Would you celebrate with him and enjoy time together? Would you ask him for help with something you are having trouble with? Would you snuggle up with him on the couch as you enjoy the silence in his presence?

Prayer is our relationship with Immanuel, God who is with us. How awesome is that! That God would give us the ability to talk with him and be with him in this thing called prayer. And how crazy is it that God responds to us! He didn't set us up for a dysfunctional one-sided relationship. He enjoys being with us and talking with us. In fact, he enjoys it so much that heaven is all about God being with us!

Revelation 21:3 *And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.*

## **Actions to take**

- Grab your journal and find a comfy place
- Ask God to bring a joyful memory to your mind and then write out your appreciation to him for it.
- Then, write down how you sense God might respond to your thanks.
- Now, take some time to write down what you sense **God would be saying** to you around these 5 areas of your life currently:
  - "I see you" (your physical state)
  - "I hear you" (your current thoughts/ponderings)
  - "I understand how big this is for you" (your feelings)
  - "I am near you" (His presence with you)
  - "I will do this for you" (His promise to you)