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Building Your Faith by Prayer and God's Word



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INTRODUCTION

Prayer is a conversation with God that doesn't have to be super-long or formal. Allow this book to help begin to nurture your prayer life with God. This innate heartfelt desire to pray, love, be kind, and exhibit the character as our Father, God, is the aim of this book. We live in a time where asking for help is a sign of weakness but in actuality the bible encourages us to pray and make our requests known (Philippians 4:6). Our heavenly father hears each and every request for help and welcomes us approaching him in prayer.

There is much anxiety, fear, and uncertainty present throughout the world. Many people are trying to find peace and a way to cope during these unprecedented times. For those of us who believe in God, we find peace through prayer and meditation.

There are several ways this book can be effectively utilized. Lord, Teach Me How is three dimensional in that it is a trifecta for application and use. It can be read:



Visually: Each illustration is a meaningful story depicting the poem in a relatable way. The scene is set in Merci-ville, a fictional town in the suburbs of Toronto, Ontario, Canada. The characters are people going through life and how they need help to demonstrate the character of God in everyday situations.



Poetically: Divinely inspired words that rhyme requesting help to attain maturity by building godly characteristics. This is a great way to expose and expand a small child's vocabulary or reflection and introspection as a young teen or adult.



Biblically: For the reader who wants to explore deeper by looking up scriptural references listed below each stanza, the King James Version (KJV) was primarily used as the foundation for this poem. Online resources such as www.Biblegateway.com, with easy-to-read English versions such as the International Children’s Bible (ICB) or in different languages are very helpful. Using study Bibles, whether online or paper copy, can bring more clarity.

The reader can choose one, two, or all three applications at any given age or time. There is no right or wrong way or specific time line to reading this book. You can decide to just read the poem and then revisit later and look up scriptures. Some people are visual readers, and that’s fine too.

When we see fruit trees, orchards, or vineyards with apples, grapes, melons, all types of fruits, they started from a seed. The growth cycle was not immediate. But then there came roots, soon enough a sprout, then a stem, and then a branch with leaves and buds. Eventually, the long-awaited fruit. In the right environment, there will be growth and a lot of fruit from just one seed. It is the same with building good character. It starts out small, just like a seed, but with the right environment, there will eventually be growth and maturity that is evident when handling or reacting to situations.

The effects of the global pandemic—with restrictions, lockdowns, and the high costs of fuel and food—has many people hostile, bitter, anxious, or depressed. We live in a world where you can hardly find anything or anyone that is reliable these days. From the stock market to friends or family, finding someone you can trust or rely on is getting much harder. The only one who remains faithful is God. You can count on him to always be consistent, never changing, and the same yesterday, presently, and forever. I am willing to be taught by God and ask for help. Join me in this journey to a better version of ourselves.



Lord, help me to forgive
And not be so defensive,
A longer life that I might live.
Lord, help me to forgive.

(Proverbs 10:12; 17:9; Matthew 6:12–
15; Luke 17:3; Ephesians 4:32)





Felipé lends his brother money many times,
but his brother never pays him back.