

AMEN

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Every moment of every day, there are opportunities to join God in the work he's doing. Prayer is what helps us join God in that work instead of missing out.

Message Notes And Highlights

- “If we are already fully submerged in the presence of God and the reality of the Kingdom, then every moment becomes an opportunity to open our eyes and partner with God’s present work of grace.” | Aaron Niequist, *The Eternal Current*
- “Prayer gets us in on what God’s doing.” | Eugene Peterson
- Prayer is how we partner with God’s work.
- “While putting our kids to bed, we can partner with God’s work in our kids,
- or we can miss out. When we get into a fender bender, we can partner with God’s work in the person who wasn’t paying attention and hit our car, or we can miss out.” | Aaron Niequist, *The Eternal Current*
- “For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.” | Matthew 25, vv.35-36
- “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’” | Matthew 25, vv.37-39
- “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’” | Matthew 25, v.40
- It’s easy to miss the opportunities because we’re distracted and/or we can’t see.
- “Prayer is the way we work our way out of the comfortable but cramped world of self and into the spacious world of God.” | Eugene Peterson
- And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. | Romans 8, v.28
- The work God is doing is collaborative—he wants us to join him in it.
- Pray throughout the day, “God, I know you’re at work here. Help me to join in.”



Discussion Questions

1. What are some of your biggest or most memorable “missed opportunities” in life?
 2. If we’re aware of God’s presence, “...every moment becomes an opportunity to open our eyes and partner with God’s present work of grace.” Think through some moments from today or this week—in hindsight, what opportunities did you have to join God’s work that may not have seemed like it at first?
 3. What work do you think God wants you to partner with him in when you’re experiencing a difficult situation or conflict with someone else?
 4. “Prayer is the way we work our way out of the comfortable but cramped world of self and into the spacious world of God.” What is a comfortable, self-centered, or cramped mindset that God may be inviting you to step beyond?
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