

Learning to Love Praying ... Again, or For the First Time  
Exodus 32-33

Do you love to pray, either by yourself or with others? Why don't we pray more? Today, we'll attempt to re-capture the purpose of prayer, and we'll learn a way to re-work prayer so it becomes a joy!

Why don't we pray more?

- Because \_\_\_\_\_ .
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The purpose of prayer is to get us beyond our \_\_\_\_\_ ...

... and to get us to \_\_\_\_\_ .

Three levels of Moses' Praying:

- The \_\_\_\_\_ of God. Ex 32:7-14/32:30-35
- The \_\_\_\_\_ of God. Ex 33:1-17
- The \_\_\_\_\_ of God. Ex 33:18-23

Learning a new way to pray:

- Psalm 103:1-14
- Psalm 23
- Col 3:1-17

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*Welcome to Crossroads Community Church!*

*We're glad you chose to worship with us this morning. If this is your first time visiting us, please take a moment to fill out visitors card and leave it in the offering box. You will find the visitor cards on the back table. You can also find us at [nevadacrossroadschurch.org](http://nevadacrossroadschurch.org) and on Facebook.*

**Order of Service for September 5, 2021**

*Welcome  
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Worship Through Prayer  
Worship Through God's Word  
Worship at the Lord's Table  
Announcements  
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### **From Pastor Tom**

*Good morning! We're glad you're here today!*

*Singing is a beautiful yet humble way of expressing our thoughts and feelings. Some people feel self-conscious when they sing and might never singing in front of other people. Yet, we all enjoy listening to good music and to those who sing well. God invented this amazing thing called music; it allows us to articulate our thoughts with beauty, strength, and emotion.*

*I was struck this week, as I re-read the story of the Israelites crossing the Red Sea, that on the other side of that crossing not only did the people of Israel sing, but the account specifically includes Moses as one of those who sang. "Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the Lord ... " (Exodus 15:1).*

*I have thought of Moses in many ways, but I think this was the first time I envisioned him, with a smile on his face, singing with other people!*

*It's important to remember that on one side of the Red Sea the people were complaining; on the other side, they were singing! The same will be true for us, too, when we go through challenging times. The Lord will intervene, and we will sing for joy once He does! Let's keep a song ready in our heart!*

*Enjoy worship today! Let's enthusiastically express our love and faith to God through singing.*

-- Tom

### **Announcements**

#### **Nursery**

Nursery is available for kids from 0-10. See Michaela Walker for more information.

#### **New Home Group Starting September 19**

It's likely you have a threatening giant in your life -- an adversary or stronghold that's diminishing your ability to live a full and free life. In this six-week video series, Pastor Louie Giglio uncovers a key to living free from our giants -- it's not better slingshot accuracy, but rather keeping our eyes on the one and only giant-slayer, Jesus. Put your confidence in Him and watch Goliath fall. We'll meet Sunday nights, 6-7:00, at Tom's house. Sign-up sheet is available today. Plan to bring a friend!

#### **The Big Serve, September 25-26**

The Big Serve is coming up in September. If you're interested in local outreach and would like to participate, you can find out more at [www.BigServeVCMO.com](http://www.BigServeVCMO.com), or you can call Lynda Jones at 417-448-4495.

#### **Prayer for Nevada this Friday night, 7 pm**

Several Nevada pastors will be gathering for prayer this Friday night at 7:00. Would you consider joining us by praying from your home or with someone else who cares for our city and its people? Thank you!

#### **Worship through Offerings & Tithes**

**As a part of our worship today, an offering box is available on the back table. The ministry at Crossroads depends on the regular giving of the church family. Giving offers us a way to express our faith that God will care for us just as He cares for the lily and the sparrow.**

**Matthew 6:25-34**