

**Sermon Outline: Never Stop Praying**  
**Series: God's Heart for You**

*"Always be joyful. Never stop praying. Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NLT)*

**Prayer is simply a conversation between you and God**

**Sign of a Good Conversation**

**-Talking to God**

*God's there, listening for all who pray, for all who pray and mean it. Psalm 145:18 (MSG)*

*"O Lord, our Lord, your majestic name fills the earth! Your glory is higher than the heavens. When I look at the night sky and see the work of your fingers..." Psalm 8:1&3 (NLT)*

*My God, my God, why have you abandoned me Why are you so far away when I groan for help? Every day I call to you, my God, but you do not answer. Every night I lift my voice, but I find no relief. Psalm 22:1-2 (NLT)*

**Tips to talking to the Father**

- Try to have a set time and place to pray
- Remove the distractions
- Give thanks and praise the Father
- Confess your sins and your fears
- Pray for others
- Pray that you will walk by the Spirit

**-Listening to God**

*Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry. James 1:19(NLT)*

*"Be still, and know that I am God! I will be honored by every nation. I will be honored throughout the world." Psalm 46:10 (NLT)*

### **Tips to listening to the Father**

- Have some Christian music to listen to
- Listen to Scriptures being read to you
- Praying Samuel's prayer: "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."
- Surround yourself with good Christian friends who can speak truth to you
- Have a journal to record what you're learning
- Ask God to give you ears to hear what He might say

### **-How do we talk and listen continually?**

Change the mindset

*"Do you want to know how to deepen your prayer life? Pray. Just pray. But don't think about it too much. Don't be so concerned about wrapping the gift that you never give it. Better to pray awkwardly than not at all." Max Lucado*