PASTOR RICK'S DAILY HOPE

WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE TALKING TO?

40 Days of Prayer
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Your understanding of what God is really like shapes everything else in your life, including how you pray.

"The Lord is always good. He is always loving and kind, and his faithfulness goes on and on to each succeeding generation." Psalm 100:5 (TLB)

BECAUSE GOD IS ALWAYS GOOD . . .

1. _____

"'I know what I am planning for you,' says the Lord. 'I have good plans for you, not plans to hurt you. I will give you hope and a good future. Then you will call my name. You will come to me and pray to me, and I will listen to you.'"
Jeremiah 29:11-12 (NCV)

"We know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28 (NLT)

Joseph: *"You meant to hurt me, but God turned your evil into good to save the lives of many people."* Genesis 50:20 (NCV)

"We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance." Romans 5:3 (NLT)

2. _____

"He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay according to our iniquities. . . . As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us." Psalm 103:10-12 (NIV)

"Even if my father and mother abandon me, the Lord will hold me close. . . . My enemies are waiting for me. . . . Yet I am confident I will see the Lord's goodness while I am here in the land of the living." Psalm 27:10-13 (NLT)

"(Jesus) understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin. So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most." Hebrews 4:15-16 (NLT)

3. _____

"I am the good shepherd; I know my own sheep, and they know me. . . . I sacrifice my life for the sheep." John 10:14-15 (NLT)

"He died for our sins and rose again to make us right with God, filling us with God's goodness." Romans 4:25 (TLB)

"Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't he also give us everything else?" Romans 8:32 (NLT)

4. _____

"You fathers—if your children ask for a fish, do you give them a snake instead? Or if they ask for an egg, do you give them a scorpion? Of course not! So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him." Luke 11:11-13 (NLT)

Jesus: *"You don't realize what you're asking."* Matthew 20:22 (GW)

God: *"My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts. . . . And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine. For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts."*
Isaiah 55:8-9 (NLT)

5. _____

"Our Lord Jesus Chris himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and a good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word." 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17 (NIV)

"Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever." Psalm 23:6 (NIV)

PRAY THIS WEEK

"Turn my eyes from worthless things, and give me life through your word. . . . Help me abandon my shameful ways; for your regulations are good. I long to obey your commandments! Renew my life with your goodness." Psalm 119:37-40 (NLT)

Revive My Heart . . . My Small Group . . . Our Church Family

"Bring us back to you, God—we're ready to come back. Give us a fresh start."
Lamentations 5:21 (MSG)

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