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Well, it is great to see you Providence family. I hope you had a great break, a great holiday. If you're new with us, welcome. We are thrilled that you are here as well. We had just a fantastic time. We had about four days down at the farm. Rained every single day, which meant that four out of the five of us, that's an answer to pray. It just means a lot of mud. There's a whole farm full of mud and some [inaudible].

We had a great time. I hope you had a great time as well, that your heart was full with Christ, that either family or friends were there in your life to bring great encouragement to you. Hopefully you ate well. Just leave it there. It is so good to be back. It's good to sing with you, it's good to see your faces. I pray that this time will be great encouraging to you.

If you would, let's bow and let's pray. Father in heaven, we come to you, this morning. We come to your word, recognizing that it is just that. It is your word to us, that you graciously give us revelation to who you are and who we are, and how we're supposed to live in your world. I pray God that you would give us, not only wisdom, but you would give us the gift of belief, that, that belief would find feat, and you would give us courage to apply your word to our life.

Lord, this morning specifically, I pray that you would search your heart, and you would help us to see what or who we adore, and how that effects how we pray, and how our prayers effect how we live. God, I pray that you would be glorified in this time. Would you speak to weakness in myself and through each and every one of us. I pray God that you, by your word would instruct us. We love you. We need your help now. We look to you in faith. We pray this in Jesus name. Amen.

We're in Matthew, chapter six. I would love for you to head there. There's lots of bibles in the chairs, near you. If you don't have one in your hand, you can grab one of those. If you don't have one at home, take that home as a gift. The new year tends to inspire motivation within our heart. It's just sort of natural. When there's a new week or new month, or a new year, sort of the wheels of our mind, the wheels of motivation just begin to turn. We start thinking about either people, or we think about projects, or we think about self improvement, like diet or exercise, or things we wanna read, or things we want to do. It's just natural for this to take place.

The fact is, is that any time you have motivation, if you ever lack power to carry out that motivation it only creates frustration. Some of us, we finished Christmas and we wanted to go on a diet. We said so. "We're gonna go on a diet." The problem is, that your house, just like mine, had 38 remaining buckeyes, like God's gift to candy. It just drops down into our kitchen. For many of us, we said, "You know what? I'm gonna leave those for someone else. I'm gonna be good," and you were good for breakfast and then lunch came. It was over. Right? You had no power whatsoever. As a result of that your motivation actually turned into frustration as you feel like, "Now, I'm even further behind than where I began."

For some of us, there's a project, or a task that you looked at, where you look at right now, in your life. You say, "You know what? In this new year, this is where I'm gonna give my hands to." Isn't it interesting that if you lack the tools, or the knowhow to do it, that, that motivation eventually turns to frustration. We eventually say, "Ah, forget it. I can't do it anyway." Some of us, we woke up, and we started thinking about people. We started thinking about friends, or family members. We started thinking about relationships, some of which are broken. Maybe God motivated you to say, "You know what? I'm gonna reach out to some of these relationships."

Maybe this one in particular. I need to make a phone call, in order to confess my sin, or to try to reconcile this friendship." Maybe your motivation stirred you to get all the way to where you dialed every single number. All you had to do is hit the green button, and it would dial. You just could not force your finger to drop down upon that. You lack power.

As a result of that, maybe your motivation, it turned into frustration and just can't happen. We all have things that we wanna do. In the freshness of the new year, it creates some motivation. This is also true of us collectively. As a church family, we exist to glorify God, by introducing all people's to, Jesus Christ and growing them up to love and to worship him. To this end, we seek to plant our lives within the church. We seek to plant the gospel, the good news of Jesus Christ in our city. We seek to plant churches in the world.

And yet, isn't it true that without power, our motivation to do these things will turn into frustration. That's why we're starting 2019 looking at some of the teaching that Jesus gave about prayer. Jesus said that he has all the power available and needed for the mission. He gives it to those who pray, who pray. Matthew 6, starting in verse one. He says the context of what he's talking about in these verses. He says, "Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people."

Now, immediately, you start thinking about and say, "We're in trouble." You came to church. You may have offered someone your, parking spot, or you opened the door for someone, and you say, "Well, I just violated what Jesus said." That's not the case, because of what he says next. In order to be seen by them. And so, he addresses the motives of the heart of why we do the things that we do. He says, "For then you will have no reward from your father who is in heaven." And then, he sets up three case studies. The first one is giving, the second one is prayer, and the third one is fasting. He filters those things through verse one. We're gonna start with prayer.

Look at what it says in verse five. He says, "And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites, for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly I say to you, they have received their reward. When you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your father who's in secret. Your father who sees his secret will reward you."

When you pray, do not heap up empty phrases, as the gentiles do, for they think that they'll be heard for their many words. Do not be like them, for your father knows what you need, before you ask him. Pray then, like this. Our father in heaven, hallow would be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."

It's interesting what takes place as he finishes up his sermon ... This is in the middle of something called the sermon on the mount. He went up on a mountain. He started preaching. They call it the sermon on the mount. It's Matthew 5, 6, and 7. When he finishes his sermon, he calls 12 disciples to himself. Those 12 disciples had the opportunity for just over three years to observe him living his life, how he led people, how he loved people, how he led himself. They had the privilege to be able to listen to his amazing authoritative teaching. They had the privilege to see him perform miracles over nature, over sickness, over evil, or storms, over everything. It's interesting that they never ask him, "Would you teach me how to do that?"

One day, Luke, chapter 11, tells us, that Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray. It's the only time in the gospels, where the 12 disciples, or any one of them asks specifically for Jesus to teach them what it is that he's doing. This is remarkable. We never find one of 'em coming up saying, "You know that whole, walking on the water thing. That would go really well with my father-in-law. Can you teach me how to do that?" It's not there. "Would you teach me how to teach, how you teach?" It's not there. No, but they watch him pray. They watch him talk to the father.

They come to him, and they say, "Look, we wanna know how you do that. You see, we know how to talk to our friends. When you're standing here, we know how to talk to you. We believe that you're God. We know how to talk to you, but pray seems to be just this different animal. We constantly line up and we take a swing. We keep missing. Our motivation turns into frustration. We get distracted so quickly.

Some times we just wanna be with you so much, and yet it feels like we're trying to crack a coconut with our hands. We just cannot get into the center, where all the refreshment is. It's just hard." Sometimes it feels like it's just so one-sided, that we pray and we pray and we pray and we're like, "God, just tell me something." They look at Jesus and they say, "But you make it look so real, and so personal and so valuable, so relational. Would you teach us how to do that?"

Jesus, at that point in time, he takes 'em back to what we just read in Matthew 6. He says this. He goes, "When you pray, say, father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come." Now, if you compare the lord's prayer, that's found in Luke 11, and Matthew 6, they're slightly different, just a few different words. It's interesting to me, that when they ask Jesus, "Can you teach us how to pray, that he takes 'em back to what he said is the mirror of Matthew 6, that's also the mirror that shoes them, "This is how I pray." They say, "Would you teach us to pray. Jesus says, "All right, this is how you do it."

What we looked at last week, with Dave O, is our father in heaven. He sets the whole prayer on the context of a relationship between children and a father. You see, the father, the word father there what that means is it promises us compassion, that we're talking to someone who's compassionate. What he says in heaven, what he's saying is that we're talking to someone who is capable, who has all authority in heaven and earth. We're talking to someone of utmost perfect compassion and capability. Once we establish that fact, where does he take us next? This is really important. He tells us to pray in ways that reveal what our heart adores.

I'm gonna show you some of the desires that Jesus has that you can see if you look from the backside of what he tells us to actually say when we're praying. This is really important, because there's a lot of us that have a lot of questions about pray. This is what I want you to know, is that prayer becomes very, very simple when you adore the right thing. It becomes very, very difficult when you don't. This is where he begins. Most of us, we just say, "You know, feel guilty about prayer. He's gonna guilt me." I'm not gonna guilt you into prayer. I'm gonna ask you to do what Jesus asked you to do and that's to look at what you love.

Let's look at his desires. The first one that we see is that Jesus desires that our heart be consumed by his glory, that we be consumed by his glory. You see, God's desire to be glorified in all the earth must begin in your heart, in my heart. He cannot be glorified in all of the earth, until he's glorified in your heart. You need to start there and so do I. He says, "Hallowed be your name." Now, hallowed is an interesting word. It's an old English word, that really has no contemporary equivalent. There's no word like it. Even modern translations of the new testament, they just go back and say, "Well, we just better go with hallowed, because what else can we use?"

To hallow something is to make it our ultimate concern. When you hallow something, it's to make it your greatest treasure. When you hallow something, it's to make it your recurring daydream. It's what you daydream about, it's what you think about, it's what you pray about, it's what you want when you don't have to want or daydream, or pray about anything else. He says, "Hallowed be your name." What's he saying? He's saying, "Come to the father. Come to me as God and say, God, I pray that your glory would be the ultimate concern of my life." Jesus is saying, "I want you to pray that my name, my name ..."

You remember the last series we just did? What a name. We looked at Isaiah, chapter nine, when it says, "And his name shall be wonderful counselor, mighty God, everlasting father, prince of peace." We kept looking at names. Jesus means savior, Emmanuel, God with us. He's the way, he's the truth, he's the life, he's the high priest, he's the advocate, he's the champion. He's the king of kings, the lord of lords, the faithful and the true.

All of these names that we find within scripture, reflect his attributes. They also reflect our need. It's what we need that he has the ability to supply. What Jesus is saying here is this. He's saying, "I want you to pray that my name, and all of my attributes, that they would tower over your life like Mount Everest towers, that it would tower over your daily interactions, that it would tower over your thoughts, that it would tower over your phone calls, it would tower over the way that you treat your clients.

Just imagine that if every time you're talking to somebody, behind that someone, you could see Mount Everest. It's always in view. This is what he's saying, that if we are hallowing Jesus Christ, if we're hallowing him, what that means is this, is that he's utterly consequential. We're aware of him, we're aware of his promises, we're always in the shadow of all that he is to us. This is what's available to us.

Now, why does Jesus start here? Why does he start with hallowed? Isn't it interesting? I think this is why he starts there. It's because Jesus knows that we all cry for help, whenever our treasure is at stake. Just a few months ago, I was at the fair. I was going to walk over to get Tabitha, who was driving in late to the fair. A person in front of me has a heart attack. His wife begins to scream, "Help. Help. Help." No one had to teach her how to do that. Why did she do that?

When what we love, when what we hallow, when what we adore, when what we treasure is threatened or jeopardized, we instinctively cry out. We instinctively even pray. This is what Jesus is saying. He's saying, "If my glory were the ultimate treasure of your life, then you would instinctively become people who pray as you live inside a world that reviles me." If it's true, that we cry out when what we treasure is threatened, that if he was our greatest treasure, and we live in a world that reviles and distorts and despises and sees him as inconsequential, that we will constantly be a praying people. Our treasure will be threatened to us.

All around us, people are saying, "He's not important, and yet, he's our greatest treasure. This is what creates a people who pray, who pray. How do we know what our ultimate treasure is? I can stand up and say my ultimate treasure's Jesus, but is it? How do we know? Well, Jesus gives us the hints. He gives it with what we read beforehand. We look at our secret world. We look at what we think about when we don't have to think about anything. We look at what we dream about, what we daydream about. We look at what we pray about, when we're praying alone.

You see, there's something about our secret world, that doesn't need a fier. There's nobody there to mock us, or applaud us. We don't have to hide behind perceptions and I want them to think a certain way, so I'm gonna pray this way. No, when we're in our secret place, when we're in our secret world, and only God sees, then what we think about, what we dream about, is what we hallow. It's the most important thing. Jesus is not condemning public prayer. In fact, Jesus prays publicly in John 9 and then he asks us to pray together in public in Matthew 18. Now, what he's doing is he's showing us how to see what we hallow. You see, the recurring storyline of our day dreams and the recurring petitions of our prayers is the accurate reflection of what we hallow.

Now, listen to this, very carefully. If we hallow God, if he is our central concern, if he is our chief, if he is our recurring daydream, if he is everything to us, then listen, that adoration will be the tale wind of our petition and confession. You see, adoration is what we think about God. Confession is what we think about ourself and petition is what we think about the world.

It's how we see God, how we see ourselves, how we see the world. If Jesus Christ is our central treasure and he is hallowed within our life, he is the Mount Everest over us, then his power and his glory actually filters down. It provides us this enormous wind at our back, that sets our sails, that allows us to confess, and make petitions to him on the basis of his glory.

If, however, what we hallow is not God, then our misplaced adoration will be a stiff headwind for our petition and confession. Jesus starts with hallowed be thy name, because he knows that our prayer will be unlocked if we adore the right thing. It will become simple. It will become pleasurable. And so, Jesus desires that our heart be consumed by his glory. The second thing we see though, is that Jesus desires that our hearts be moved by his mission. You notice what that word is connected to. Hallowed be thy name, by name.

You see, adoration always turns into mission, always. Adoration or what we hallow, it always turns into mission. This is why, if you go to a football game and your team scores a touchdown, like these fans, right, you look for someone to celebrate with. Why is it, that if you go to an art gallery, or if you go to a football game, you see something that causes your heart tremendous joy and you look for someone to say, "Did you see that?" Why? It's because our joy in anything is maximized, it grows when we're able to share it with other people.

Adoration must be shared. It can't not be shared, it's what we do. We talk about what we're excited about, we talk about what we hallow, we talk about what we adore. We must do it. You say, why are we ... Why is our mission as a church to introduce all people's to Jesus Christ? Why are we seeking to plant the gospel within our city, and to plant churches within the world? It's because of adoration. It's adoration that sees him, Jesus Christ as the supreme worth. It's adoration that sees his supreme sacrifice, when he came to this earth to die on a cross, to be buried in a grave and to rise from the dead in order to forgive us of our sin. It's adoration that sees his mission as the supreme mission over heaven and earth.

[inaudible] chapter two, verse 14 says, "The earth will be filled with the knowledge of his glory, as the waters covers the sea. This will happen. This mission will end in victory. It will succeed." You see, our adoration in anything, it must be shared. If you just have this thing for peacock feathers, then you share it with somebody else. Someone else has to see your feathers. You don't keep it to yourself.

If your thing is NC State football, then someone else is going, someone else is gonna receive your instruction, your adoration, it's what we do. Now, think about it this way. If there were 10 of us in this room that saw Jesus, as the ultimate treasure of our life, then would we not expect to see our group grow to 11? Would we not hope for more, to be able to experience what we adore, so that we could say, "Do you see? Look. Look at him. Look what he did for us. Do you see it?"

People in churches, who have a mission problem always have an adoration problem. He is the bright and beautiful, and glorious treasure over earth. Most people cannot see him. It's to this end that Jesus ask us to pray. What does he ask us to pray? He ask us to pray God, would you see to it, that your name is hallow. That's what it means, hallowed be your name. What's he saying? He's saying, "Father, I adore you. I see you as everything in my life. Many don't. Many revile you, many people see you as inconsequential.

There's two billion people on the earth who've never even heard. They don't know anything about Jesus. They have no idea that Jesus has come to forgive them of their sin. I just can't stand it anymore, so would you cause your name to be hallowed, to be seen as holy, to be seen as consequential, to be seen as the greatest treasure on earth. This is what he's asking us to pray. He goes on, and he say, "Your kingdom come and your will be done." What does this mean?

Well, think about this. If you're a parent, you promise your kids a trip to Disney. What do they do? Well, they begin hoping, and hoping, right? It always comes out the mouth. That's what hope does. We begin talking about what we hope about. Little kids, "Dad is it today? I know you promised. You always make good on your promise. Oh let it be today. Let it be today." This is what he's saying. He's saying, "Look, you know, you know what the bible says, that one day that my reign will be supreme over heaven and earth, that my scepter will be one of peace and justice and righteousness.

And so, this is how I want you to pray. I want you to go to my father and pray, "God, I know one day that Jesus Christ will be king over all. His kingdom will have no end. There will be no transfers of power, no elections. There'll be no wars, or injustice, or death or shame or sickness. I want that day now, but your bible says in Matthew 24, it says that the gospel must go to the ends of the earth to every single nation before that day comes, and so I'm asking you to fit my feet with shoes to help me run there quick. Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come here, your will be done."

Takes resources to do this. He says, "Give us this day, our daily bread." What does that mean? He said, "God, would you provide what is needed for us to get there?" It's not free. It takes resources to get there. This is the ultimate end of life. This is the chief mission of earth, this is it. This is why you're alive. It's to worship him. That's why you're alive. This must filter our prayers, if we adore him. We have to ask, well, if he is God and he is sovereign, and he has a plan and a mission, that he tells us he is going by his strength to fulfill, then why would he enlist us to pray? Just go do it already. Why would he tell us to pray?

This is why. Jesus desires that our hearts see prayer as vital to his mission. It's not inconsequential, to what he's doing. This always stuns me. The fact that, this is true, and I'm gonna teach it, doesn't mean that I get it, or totally can internalize it myself, is the what's taking place here. Jesus is telling us to ask him to do what he tells us he wants to do. He tells us that he wants his name to be hallowed. One day it will. Instead of just hallowing it, he ask us to ask him to do what he says he wants to do. He says in another place, "God, would you send laborers to the harvest?"

“Well, Jesus, if you laborers, just send ‘em already.”

“No.” Jesus Says, “No. I want ... I’m gonna ask you to ask me, to do what I wanna do.” This is like me, telling Tabitha to ask me ... She’s my wife, to ask me to give her a hug, when I already want to. Tabitha, I really wanna give you a hug right now, but before I do, I’m asking you to ask me to give it to you. This is what he’s doing. Why? If God has a plan, why enlist us to pray? Why wouldn’t it just be like a lazy river? Right? We’ve all been on a lazy river, haven’t we? Aren’t they glorious? There’s two ways to travel around this little track, isn’t there. One, you sit on your tube and you just drift. You’ll get there. You’ll spin around. You’ll bump off the walls, but you’ll get there, or you can paddle like you mean it, right?

The question is this. Why not just float down the lazy river of Christianity, trusting God that he’s gonna get it all done? Why paddle with prayer? This is why. God is not only ordained the end, he’s also ordained the means to reach the end. That means, is prayer. It’s prayer. See, this mission needs power, that’s simply not found in us. Said in Corinthians 4:4 says that the God of this world, that’s Satan. He’s blinded the minds of unbelievers to keep him from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ. They can’t see. God has not given anyone in this room the ability to persuade that veil from coming off people’s eyes. We don’t have the power. He says, “But I have the power. I’ll give it to those who pray.” We pray. We pray.

Before we take the lord’s supper, I wanna talk to you just briefly about a few things. A few simple, but very challenging takeaways. Few applications. The first is this. Let me encourage you. Let’s honestly identify what we hallow. Look at your daydreams. Listen to your secret prayers. If you find that you hallow something more than God, which we all do, then repent of it and repent of adoring a lesser thing. Some of us in this room, we have dreamt our whole life about running out of a football tunnel, before 100,000 fans cheering our name. Have you ever thought what it would look like for your central daydream to see God run out of the tunnel, to six billion screaming fans.

You see, CS Lewis says, “Our heavenly father has provided many delightful ends for us along our journey, but he takes great care to see that we do not mistaken any of them for home.” We all have dreams. There’s nothing wrong with running out of a tunnel and having aspirations that lead someone to work hard, to do something. Isn’t it interesting that everybody who’s ever run out of a tunnel will tell you, that, that’s not the point, that’s not the final victory lap of life. It’s not enough. Only Jesus can be the ultimate treasure. Therefore only Jesus is the one to hallow. Ask God to become bigger and brighter in your heart.

The second thing is this, let’s position ourselves where love for Christ can grow. Let’s position ourselves, where love for Christ can grow. If you’re in Jesus Christ, you need to know ... When I say, in Jesus Christ, that’s words from the new testament of someone who has trusted Christ, the savior, whose believed in him, confessed him as lord and God has adopted that person into his family. It’s what it means to be in Christ. Well, if you have trusted Jesus Christ, you need to know that there’s nothing that can separate you from his love. There are things you can do that remove you from it’s immediate tangible benefits. I’ve used this before.

Most of us, we showered before we came today. You turn the water on and you didn't immediately stand under it. As a result of that, you lost the possibility of that water affecting your life. It went down the drain. You say, "It was cold. Doesn't matter." Maybe so, right? It may have been hot. You got out of the ... You're in the shower, but you just kind of move over. This is how it is with the love of God. His love is constantly flowing, and yet there's places that we can stand to where it falls over our head and there's places where we can stand on this earth, where it doesn't.

Jude 1:21 says, "Keep yourself in the love of God." He's not saying here, "Earn God's love." It's not what he's saying. He's saying, you have God's love. It's constantly flowing over you, but stand under it. Stand under it, so you can receive it's benefits. Where do you stand? Where do we place ourself, where love for Christ can grow within our heart? One of the ways is prayer. That's one of the places. You get on your knees before him. You don't even have to get on your knees. Your heart just needs to bend before him.

Ask God every morning to increase your awareness of his power and his promises over your life. This is one of the things that I pray every single day. God, I want your name to be hallowed first in my heart. Would you help me to see you as big and bright, and all these meetings and all these things I need to do today, would you help me to see you be the Everest that just towers over everything in my life today.

The second place you can stand is the bible itself. I know that when I devote time, the first few moments of the day to God's word, he renews my vision for his glory. He reminds me of my place and his place over my life. He absorbs anxiety. He helps me resist temptation. If you have a bible reading plan, then use it. If you don't, there's one in the back. There's little journals that we made available. They're back there for you. Take it. I exhort you. If you don't have a plan, do that with me. Do that with us, as a church family. Read the bible.

And then, another place where you can really experience tremendous love, is community. You need a group. You see, I wanna encourage you to get in a group where people are there, who hallow Jesus. What happens is, you can help one another, is that you're having a low time with the lord maybe. Other people around you, like, "Don't forget, this is who God is." And then, sometimes you may be doing well. They're in need of your adoration. You have to get with people.

Here at Providence we call those places, life groups. Back at Next Steps, this morning, there's people ... There's a big banner that says, find a life group. If you're not in a life group, this is a perfect opportunity for you to start. Life groups start today. It's just a place where you can go, where you can learn more, where you can pray for people, where you can know people and they can know and pray for you, where you can mutually encourage one another to share the gospel and to be about this mission.

That gets to the third and last. Let's adopt God's mission as the mission of our life. You have a mission. You're doing something with your life. Let me just encourage you to make sure that, that aligns with his mission. His mission is the one that will be established for eternity. One day when you and I, we're all gonna see ... One day when we see the totality of Jesus glory, we're gonna know that displaying that glory was the only ultimate concern that was worth the limited number of our days, that, that was the filter by which we were supposed to be thinking about our parenting and work and relationships, and everything else. You don't have to wait. You can open up the bible. You can see evidence that he alone is worthy of adoration. That adoration is gonna turn into mission.

That mission, I wanna encourage you to engage. Engaged. You all received a little pamphlet as you came in of the various mission trips in 2019 here at Providence. There's 20 of 'em, I believe. There's an opportunity for you to go. I wanna encourage you to consider going, just after we're done, out these doors, there's gonna be a place. There's even donuts back there here, where there's all these little tables. You can go and talk to a representative for every single one of these trips, to see what they're doing, to see maybe if there's one of these that you would be able to go on. Not all of us will be able to go this year. That's why the mission also needs giving. It also needs praying.

I wanna encourage you. I wanna encourage you to see his mission as the ultimate mission of your life. It's the mission of your home, it's the mission of your marriage. God has given us the lord's [inaudible] to help us to remember that he is the supreme worth sacrifice, that his mission is the supreme over all. For those that will be serving, I said, if you wanna go ahead and stand up and head to the back as we get ready to pass out these two elements, the bread and the cup, they're symbolic of Jesus' body and his blood. Jesus tells us to take them regularly as people who believe in him.

We're supposed to do this really for more than one reason. One is to remember what he has done for us. Second, is to proclaim to one another that we are believing what he has done for us. If you've never trusted Jesus Christ as your savior, we encourage you to do so. If you haven't yet, we ask you to let these things pass. To take them is to say that I treasure them.

And then, let me just encourage you, that if you do know Christ, we welcome you to this table. If he's your savior and lord. As these things are passed, let me encourage you to spend this time praying, praying over what you've heard, praying over maybe asking the lord, "God, would you identify what is it that I hallow? What is my central adoration in life?" Maybe get right with the lord if you need to.

Let's pray together. Father in heaven, we thank you for your kindness to us. God, as we come to you, as we pray to you, we ask now that you would search our hearts, that you would help us to be grateful, that this tangible reminder would be just that, or reminder of the greatest man whoever lived this earth, whoever walked of the greatest death and sacrifice the earth has ever seen, and now the greatest mission that's worth our life. We pray this in Jesus name. Amen.



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