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Change of Pace & Change of Place = Change of Perspective

The reason most people don't feel close to God is that they do not have a daily prayer rhythm. They may have a weekly rhythm of going to church, which is wonderful, but doing so in and of itself will not produce intimacy with God. Can you imagine talking with your spouse or child once a week? God wants a day-by-day, hour-by-hour, minute-by-minute relationship with you.

The good news is this: God is only a prayer away. The shortest distance between you and God is the distance between your knees and the floor. But you don't have to hit your knees or bow your head, or fold your hands to be heard. Prayer is not something we do with our eyes closed: prayer is something we do with our eyes wide open. Prayer isn't a sentence that begins with "Dear Jesus" and ends with "Amen." In fact, the best prayers don't even involve words at all. The best prayer is a well-lived life, day in and day out.

Turn your prayer life into a game. Try prayer with a new posture like walking or kneeling. Try experimenting with different types of fasts - from food to television, to sleep to Facebook - but remember that the key is giving something up and replacing it with prayer. Pray at different times, create a prayer list or began to journal your prayers.

If you want God to do something new in your life, you cannot keep doing the same old thing. Do something different and you will see what a difference it makes.

Pray for each other by name - and when you have a moment say a prayer for Pastor Paul too!

God Bless,

Paul

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