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Romans 12:10-13

As a pastor, I speak with many people about their spiritual journey. From these interactions, I know that most individuals are not satisfied with their prayer life. They lack anticipation and faith, and time with God often feels empty. This is, no doubt, why many Christians pray so little and so indifferently.

Yesterday, we began looking at obstacles to a healthy prayer life. Let's explore one more hindrance to vibrant communication between God and us: impatience.

Most of us have at some point brought fervent supplication to Jesus but did not see the desired results. Unfortunately, humans are by nature faint-hearted. We get weary of asking when all we perceive is silence. Remember, though, that God does not act on our cue like some cosmic bellhop. If we could see the big picture as He can, we'd gladly wait for His way and timing.

The truth is, I believe we benefit by not receiving all that we request. To understand this concept is a sign of spiritual maturity. When we are thoroughly satisfied with the Lord's presence, our relationship with Him will flourish, even when we don't get everything we ask. When that's the case, we grasp what prayer is—not a long list of wants, but regular communication in a relationship.

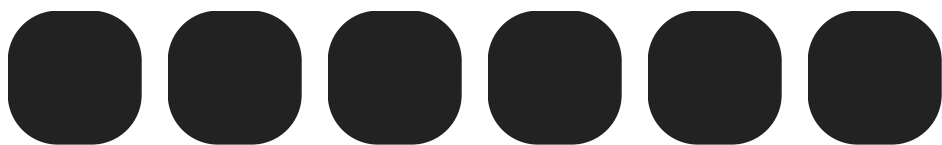
Barriers can develop if we persistently cry out to God and nothing changes. But by continuing to pray, we'll both sense God's presence beyond the "wall" and find peace,

joy, and awesome glimpses of His glory. This will be completely satisfying, even if He never gives exactly what was requested.

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