

# Something to Pray About

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***“NOT ORPHANS”***

[Jesus said], “I will not leave you as orphans.” —John 14:18 (NKJV) We are not orphans, so let’s stop living as if we were—as if God has abandoned us.

Although we humans are all God's creatures or created beings, we are not all His children. The Bible nowhere speaks of the “brotherhood of man,” but only of the brotherhood or family of believers. The children of God are those who have accepted Jesus Christ, the ONE TRUE GOD's ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, as Lord and Savior.

And the ONE TRUE GOD is not an amorphous being spread throughout the things and beings of the universe. He is a transcendent God who lives outside of creation. He is not tied to the created world at all. His existence does not depend on the created world's existence. He did not have to make us at all. He did not need us at all, because the Three in ONE already possessed perfect love, perfect unity, and perfect relationship.

Yet, He chose to create. And He chose to redeem when we fell. And the redeemed are now His children, a part of His family. And we are not alone. In John 14:18, Jesus declared that He would not leave us as orphans. Orphans have no father or mother to turn to in times of stress, or to ask for advice when making decisions, or for help when times are rough. So, why do we act and live as if we are orphans—as if we are fatherless and motherless? We are not orphans, so let's stop living as if we were—as if God, our Father, has abandoned us.

Jesus said, “If you love me, you will obey what I command. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever—the Spirit of Truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you, and will be (or is) in you” (John 14:15-17).

Isn't it high time we remembered who lives in us? The Spirit is not an influence. He is not a little fairy perched on our shoulders giving us hints on which way to turn. He is God. He is a part of the Triune God, who now dwells in us. As Jesus said, “If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him” (John 14:23). The Holy Spirit is not just a little bit of God either—He is God. The Spirit of Truth is also our Father and our Brother, our Lord, living within us. But, do we really believe this?

“I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these; because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it” (John 14:12-14).

If the Spirit of Truth does live within us; if Christ will give us anything we ask for in His name that will glorify the Father—why don't we ask and ask boldly for big and glorious and awe inspiring things? The only question we need answer before asking for something in prayer is: will this glorify the Father? For example: instead of asking only for healing of a person's disease, why not also pray that the healing will lead to God's glory? Why not also ask that the healed person will use their regained health to work more for Christ and His kingdom? And why stop at physical healing? Why not ask for the person to be more willing to serve the Father by living more like the Son? When asking for support of a ministry we are engaged in, why not ask for more than we think we can get by our own power and effort? When giving to God, why not give more than a small portion within our comfort zone, but instead give above that which we think we are capable of doing—and watch God bless us beyond measure? And for those of us like me, who find it difficult to talk about Jesus to others outside the church, why not pray for boldness to speak up—and watch God work miracles?