

Lord's Prayer Series "Lead and Deliver Us"
Matthew 6:13
July 31, 2022

Jesus restores us to the Father's presence and this prayer teaches us what to say when we are there.

Matthew 6:9-13

9 Pray then like this: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
10 Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
11 Give us this day our daily bread,
12 and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.
13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

God does not seek a persons downfall through trials.

Humility is woven into the prayer.

Testing is part of the Christian experience.

1 Peter 4:12

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you;

James 1:3-4

Because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. 4 Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

Your testing isn't strange or meaningless.

1 Corinthians 10:12-13

So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! 13 No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.

We learn that our struggles although personal are not unique.

In the test, we learn about God's faithfulness.

The second part of the prayer is - if there is going to a test then let the outcome keep evil from advancing.

Luke 22:31-32

31 "Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift you as wheat. 32 But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers."

Matthew 26:69-75

69 Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. And a servant girl came up to him and said, "You also were with Jesus the Galilean." **70** But he denied it before them all, saying, "I do not know what you mean." **71** And when he went out to the entrance, another servant girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, "This man was with Jesus of Nazareth." **72** And again he denied it with an oath: "I do not know the man." **73** After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, "Certainly you too are one of them, for your accent betrays you." **74** Then he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, "I do not know the man." And immediately the rooster crowed. **75** And Peter remembered the saying of Jesus, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

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The prayer means that our failures don't have to become our future.

Grow Group Discussion Questions

- What did God say to you during our Sunday gathering?
- Recall a test you were unprepared for that you took and failed?
- The prayer points us away from looking for Christian feats of strength and towards a needy and humble posture. How is humility highlighted in the prayer? How might humility help us with temptation?
- 1 Peter 4:12 tells not be surprised by trials. How are Peter's words meant to help us?
- How has failure isolated you and caused you to doubt God's love or plan? What are things that have helped restore your faith after a trial?
- Discuss the balance that Jesus creates in the prayer, affirming that evil is real and powerful but that Jesus is also victorious. Why is this balance so important?
- How can your Grow Group be an encouragement to this week as you apply this passage?