

#### IV. REFOCUS YOUR LIFE ON THE BIBLE

A. Discipline your mind.

*“casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,”*  
II Corinthians 10:5

B. Fill your heart with the Word Of God.

*“Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You.”*  
Psalm 119:11

#### V. SEEK SUPPORT FROM OTHERS

A. Find a partner.

*“1 Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted.  
2 Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.”*  
Galatians 6:1-2

B. Join a group.

*9 Two are better than one, Because they have a good reward for their labor.  
10 For if they fall, one will lift up his companion. But woe to him who is alone when he falls, For he has no one to help him up.”*  
Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

#### CONNECTING WITH GOD

##### The Lord’s Prayer

The Prayer Of Deliverance

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#### INTRODUCTION

A. The Lord's Prayer is the most well-known prayer in the Bible. It's also one of the most powerful ways to connect with God

*“In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.”*  
Matthew 6:9

The Lord’s Prayer is the model prayer and it consists of a prayer list.

B. Connecting With God: The Lord’s Prayer unveils the beautiful meaning and personal application of every part of this prayer. Your life will be transformed as you discover what it truly means to be spiritually connected with God and one another.

May 14	Connecting With God Through Prayer
May 21	The Prayer Of Praise
May 28	The Prayer Of Surrender
June 4	The Prayer Of Dependence
June 11	The Prayer Of Forgiveness
TODAY	The Prayer Of Deliverance
June 25	The Prayer Of Fulfillment

C. **Text:** Matthew 6:9-13

Connect with God through The Prayer Of Deliverance.

*“ And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one....”*  
Matthew 6:13a

**CONNECT WITH GOD THROUGH DELIVERANCE!**

Prayer is achieving victory over sin.

## HOW TO CONNECT WITH GOD THROUGH DELIVERANCE

### I. UNDERSTAND THE NATURE OF TEMPTATION

#### A. Temptation is not sin.

*“For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.”*

Hebrews 4:15

#### B. Temptation does not come from God, but from your selfish desires.

*“13 Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am tempted by God”; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone.*

*14 But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed.”* James 1:13-14

#### C. Temptation can always be overcome.

*“No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it. “*

I Corinthians 10:13

*I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.* Galatians 5:16

### II. IDENTIFY WHAT MAKES YOU MOST VULNERABLE

#### A. You have particular areas of extreme weakness.

*“Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,”* Hebrews 12:1

#### B. Watch and pray to discover areas of extreme weakness.

*“Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”*

Matthew 26:41

- When are you most tempted?
- Where are you most tempted?
- Who is with you when you are most tempted?
- What temporary benefit do you get when you give in?
- How do you feel right before you are tempted?

### III. ESTABLISH A PLAN TO AVOID IT

#### A. Prepare ahead, don't wait until you're in it.

*“But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.”*

Romans 13:14

#### B. Stay far away from it.

*“26 Ponder the path of your feet, And let all your ways be established.*

*27 Do not turn to the right or the left; Remove your foot from evil.”* Proverbs 4:26-27