

Lord's Prayer 3 "Thy Kingdom, Thy Will"

1. Prayer re-establishes our hearts true orbit, re-centers all of life around God. What do the first three lines of the Lord's prayer tell us about how we re-establish our hearts true orbit?
2. Out of that true orbit we are to make our requests – "give us this day". What do our present requests in prayer tell us about our hearts current orbit?
3. How does it change your view and practice of prayer to know that all of the verbs in the Lord's prayer are in the imperative – they are not requests they are commands? (Note: They are in the passive imperative meaning that we are commanding the only one that can bring those things about)
4. One of the most counter cultural things we can pray is – your will be done – as we give ourselves completely over to God. Why is this so difficult for us to pray?
5. What impact does it have on our view and practice of prayer to know that God's will, as Elisabeth Elliot put it, is "infinitely, immeasurably, unspeakably beyond my largest notion of what he is up to"?
6. What impact does it have on our view and practice of prayer to know that in the garden of Gethsemane Jesus prayed this prayer for us – your will be done?