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“LEAD US NOT”: STRENGTH IN WEAKNESS

Sermon notes from 7/9/06

Matthew 6:5-15

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⁵ "And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full.

⁶But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. ⁷And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. ⁸Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. ⁹"This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, ¹⁰ your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹Give us today our daily bread. ¹²Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. ¹³And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.' ¹⁴ For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. ¹⁵ But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

Text

Why do we pray this?

I. Because of our weakness

II. To receive his strength

III. For his is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever

Message

Please consider the following questions as you seek the Holy Spirit's direction from this sermon:

1. What is your attitude towards your weakness? Do you hide it behind bravado, run away from it by using other things (like work or alcohol), or acknowledge it?
2. In what do you boast?
3. What would help you to keep your prayers focused on God and not yourself—even when praying for daily bread, forgiveness, or his strength to be displayed in your weakness?

Application