

Dangerous Prayers: 'Your Will Be Done'

2 Samuel 10:1-12, Matthew 6:9-13

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1. Why do you pray? What do you mostly talk to God about? How would you describe your prayer life? Tame, safe or dangerous? Why?
2. Discuss the structure of the Lord's Prayer. Is there an aspect of prayer you focus on more than others when you pray? Is there an area you have been challenged to work on?
3. How might we pray differently in the light of Jesus call to pray for God's will to be done here on earth as it is in heaven? Are there areas of life we need to ask God to help us bring in line with his will? As an individual, church, nation, world?
4. Read 2 Samuel 10:1-12 Discuss Joab's speech to his army. Do we have his conviction when we face the unknown? How do we nurture it? Is it right to cover all our activities with 'DV' (God willing)?
5. If you feel able to, share a time when you struggled to know God's will or how to pray. What did you experience and learn about prayer, about God, about your walk with God?
6. Trust and obey: Why do we find it hard to trust/obey God when we do not understand? How does Jesus prayer in Gethsemane help us to pray with confidence? Matthew 26:36-46
7. Spend some time asking God to take us out of our comfortable, risk averse praying into a place of knowing, trusting and obeying his will and living dangerously like Jesus demonstrated in his prayer relationship with his Father.