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- 2) Every sin is rooted in SELFISHNESS
- 3) Without unity, my WORSHIP and WITNESS fall short.

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- Don't ASK
- Pray SELFISHLY
- Pray without OBEDIENCE

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- Admits you're a WRETCHED SINNER
- Does what God says, even when you don't WANT TO
- Flees temptation and REJECTS Satan's LIES
- Keeps PURSUIING Jesus.
- Takes REPENTANCE seriously.

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Life Groups are on break! Feel free to use the following study questions with your personal devotions!

- 1) Looking back at the ways we Hinder Prayer and the characteristics of Real Faith, which area(s) do you have the most room to grow in?

What can you do this week to work on those areas?

- 2) What stands out to you from the following passages?

Psalm 51:17 - *"The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, A broken and a contrite heart--These, O God, You will not despise."*

Isaiah 66:2b - *"But on this one will I look: On him who is poor and of a contrite spirit, And who trembles at My word."*

Psalm 34:18 - *"The LORD is near to those who have a broken heart, And saves such as have a contrite spirit."*

What are some practical ways you can be more humble this week?

- 3) Jesus said in **John 13:35** - *"By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."* Look up and read 1 Corinthians 13:1-8. What relationship do you most need God's help to show this kind of love?

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4) What stands out to you from the following passage?

Romans 12:17-19, 21 - "[17] Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men. [18] If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men. [19] Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. ... [21] Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."

Why do you think Paul says "as much as depends on you" in verse 18? What do you think he means?

Does the idea that God might forgive those who sin against you give you joy, or frustration? Why?

5) What are some things that you lack, that you can purposefully pray for this week?

Looking at the list above, are they more about God and His kingdom, or you and your kingdom?

6) Looking at your life, is there any area of disobedience that you need to repent of? Pray along with David, in **Psalm 139:23-24** - "[23] Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties; [24] And see if there is any wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting."

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