

YOU'VE HEARD IT SAID



LifeGroups



Key things you heard

- Prayer may not always change our circumstances, but it always changes us.
- Prayer is less about getting what we want and more about giving up control.
- Audra's story of grief and loss reminded us that God is still good at being God, even when life hurts.
- April and Rockford's story reminds us that prayer isn't reserved for crisis. As Pastor Craig says, "Prayer is never our last resort. It's our first line of defense."
- Find more of April and Rockford's story in the *Blend* Bible Plan: www.go2.lc/blend

Pray: God, thank You for giving us the privilege of communicating with You. Help me not take that for granted. Open my eyes and my heart to hear from You today. Speak to me, guide me, and lead me as I go throughout my day.



Tweetable Moments



What's more exciting than discovering *how* to connect with God is discovering *who* you get to be connected to.



God is willing to let us work out our questions, our doubts, and our worries.



Say What? Questions for conversation

Icebreaker: What does your morning routine look like?

- How did this episode influence your perspective on prayer?
- Do you think prayer moves the heart of God? Why or why not?
- Rockford described his prayer life before his crisis as an "ER visit" when life was falling apart. Now, he prays daily. What is your prayer life like right now?
- Prayer often helps us surrender control. Are there any areas of your life you're trying to control? How can you give up control to God?
- Share about a time when a prayer didn't get answered the way you hoped or expected. What happened to your faith as a result?



Now Go Do It Resources and next steps

Challenge: Spend five minutes every day in silence, listening to God. Write down any thoughts you have on paper or on your phone.

- Try using the YouVersion Bible App's new Prayer feature.
- Start Pastor Craig's *Dangerous Prayers* Bible Plan: www.go2.lc/dangerousprayers
- Watch the *Dangerous Prayers* message series: www.life.church/dangerousprayers
- Check out this guide to prayer: www.go2.lc/prayerhelp
- Watch April and Rockford's story unfold in the *Blend* content for blended families: www.life.church/blend