

## THE WRONG PICTURE

## Performance

*“Did I do it right?”*



*formal · monitored · rehearsed*

- Formal words and tone
- Self-monitoring
- Pressure to perform

## THE RIGHT PICTURE

## Conversation

*“Abba — Father.”*

you

Father

*he already knows. show up anyway.*

- Honest words, real life
- Show up badly, again
- He already knows

*Not a discipline you **master**. A relationship you **grow into**.*

*Not a script to recite. A map of what prayer covers.*

1

**GOD'S REALITY**

*Hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come.*

Start with who God is — before what you need.

2

**DAILY DEPENDENCE**

*Give us this day our daily bread.*

Today's bread. Come back tomorrow.

3

**HONEST CONFESSION**

*Forgive us our debts.*

Name what's true. Don't manage it.

4

**ONGOING RESCUE**

*Lead us not into temptation; deliver us.*

Human fragility built right in.

YOU PRAY.

*Nothing changes. Heaven feels quiet.*

PULL BACK

*Treat prayer as a machine.*

***“Silence = it's broken.”***

*Pray less. Doubt more. Drift.*

*Outcome: you stop talking to him.*

PRAY INTO IT

*Treat prayer as relationship.*

***“Silence = part of it.”***

*Hold onto God's character. Keep talking.*

*Outcome: trust deepens (Psalm 13).*

**Hebrews 11:1** — *“the conviction of things **not yet seen.**”*