



How to Talk with God, Message #3

John 14:7-15 and Ps 37:3, 4

There are 346,867 women in America praying earnestly to marry Tim Tebow.

So: Does God answer requests to marry Tim Tebow? Exactly what kind of requests does God answer?

In John 14:7-15 Jesus gives some insight into the kind of prayers that God answers:

- ❖ Jesus says, “If you have known Me, you have known my Father also.” (v 7)

- ❖ Philip says, “Show us the Father.” (v 8)

- ❖ Jesus explains. (vv 9-12)
 - To see Me is to see the Father.
 - I am in the Father and the Father is in Me.
 - The words I speak are the Father’s words.
 - The works I do are done by the Father who is abiding in Me.
 - **Key Truth:** Jesus is God and is perfectly aligned with the Father’s will.

- ❖ One key condition of answered prayer is to pray for things that are aligned with the will of God. (vv 13-15)
 - Asked in My name. (twice)
 - Asked and answered with the result that the Father is glorified.
 - Asked in alignment with keeping His commandments.
 - Asked in alignment with loving Jesus.
 - **An Example:** Check out the stuff Paul prayed for. Eph 1:15-23 etc...

Psalm 37:3, 4. Delight yourself in the Lord and He will:

- First: Put “aligned desires” in your heart.
- Second: Give you the desires of your heart.

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Walking Papers

“Practical helps for walking the Christian walk this week.”

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Every day please read John 14:7-15 and Psalm 37:3, 4.

- **Today.** Please reflect on and pray about Jesus’ statement in John 14:7. “If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; from now on you know Him, and have seen Him.” How do we “know Jesus” today without Him being physically present?
- **Monday.** Philip’s prayer, “Show us the Father” in John 14:8 is a terrific prayer. Please give the prayer some reflection and also pray that prayer.
- **Tuesday.** From John 14:9-12 what do you learn about the relationship between Jesus and God the Father?
- **Wednesday.** From John 14:13-14 how would you describe prayers that are aligned with the will of God?
- **Thursday.** In the spirit of Psalm 37:3, 4 please evaluate the current desires of your heart. What are the key things you are just aching for?
- **Friday.** Do you think the key things that you are aching for align with “the name of Jesus” and “the glory of the Father” and “the commandments of God” and “loving Jesus?”
- **Saturday.** In studying Psalm 37:3, 4 what do you need to do in order to insure that the desires of your heart are aligned with the desires of God?

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