

# ~ Communication ~

## 4 Things Need To Be Established To Prevent Resistance

- A) Willing submission
- B) **Good communication**
- C) Balanced life to direction ratio
- D) Solid foundation of maneuvers
  - 1) Mechanical
  - 2) Mental

A horse will not be able to obey the command if he does not understand it. Many times confusion will be mistaken for disobedience, when in reality the horse just needs more time and patience to understand what the person wants. God communicates with us through the Holy Spirit. We need to let Him teach us. It is easy to get confused with different religious beliefs and doctrines. Let God teach you.

I am constantly reminded of the importance of good communication with my horse and with God. If you do not have a good level of communication, then obeying commands and completing a job are very hard to do. I am so thankful that God is able to communicate with me. He can tell me the future, and what I should do to stay in His perfect will. **“Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them” (Isaiah 42:9).**

God is able and willing to communicate with us, but we must learn how to communicate with Him. I think a lot of the trouble people get in with their horse is the same trouble people get in with God. Communication involves 2 individuals. Many times I have tried to give a command or request to the horse without listening to what the horse was telling me. Many times the horse would not be ready to do what I was asking him, which would lead to confusion and disobedience.

The same thing happens with God. Many times I have prayed and prayed, giving my request before God, wanting Him to answer my prayer. When my prayer goes unanswered, I become downhearted and confused, which often leads to some level of disobedience. God’s ways are not man’s ways. **“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts” (Isaiah 55:9).** It has been my experience that when a prayer goes unanswered it is because my heart was not right, or I was praying against the will of God. The timing may be wrong or God may have something much greater in store. Just like the horse, get a soft feel (Holy Spirit), and open the lines of communication. Then, once there is a soft feel, we are able to communicate with God and He is able to direct us (2-way communication).

We communicate with our horses through feel, timing, and balance, their primary driving factors (self-preservation, comfort, and companionship), and their underlying factors (confidence and energy). The underlying factors play a very key role with the driving factors and our ability

to communicate with the horse. For example, take a wild mustang stud that has never seen a person before. The stud will have very little confidence in people and be largely driven by the confidence in his self-preservation. If the stud begins to lose confidence in a situation, he will rely on his self-preservation to bite, kick, or strike, i.e., “fight.” On the other hand, take a colt that is still on his mother, or a yearling colt. The colt is not going to have very much confidence in his self-preservation in terms of “fighting.” His confidence is going to be in fleeing, i.e., “flight,” to the safety of his mother, or the rest of the herd. If the young colt begins to lose confidence, he will flee to the comfort and companionship of his mother, or herd. However, when the stud begins to lose confidence, he will often turn to fight. Both are forms of self-preservation (“fight or flight”) and limit our ability to communicate with the horse.

Using the horse’s driving factors, there are 2 ways to eliminate their self-preservation. We can either increase their confidence, or decrease their energy. As the horse begins to increase their confidence level in a person, or a situation, their self-preservation is no longer engaged and if we have feel, timing, and balance, we are able to communicate with them. The horse’s energy is “motivation and determination” and greatly influences the driving factors. A wild mustang stud is going to be driven by the confidence that he has in his self-preservation “fight.” The higher the energy levels in the stud, the higher the levels of self-preservation. A weanling or yearling colt is going to be driven by comfort and companionship to the herd. The higher the energy level, the more motivated they are going to be to flee from you and run to the herd. Thinking of energy as an underlying driving factor, as we decrease the energy, they will become less motivated to “flight or fight” and we are able to build their confidence in us.

A good example of this would be body condition. A wild horse with a body condition score of 5 or 6 is going to be highly motivated to respond with “fight or flight.” However, if that same horse falls to a body condition score of 1 or 2, they are not going to be as motivated to respond with “fight or flight.” They will have little confidence in their self-preservation, because they do not have the energy to drive the self-preservation. As the energy decreases, self-preservation decreases. This is an important concept when working with horses. If a horse is greatly driven by self-preservation, all we have to do is decrease their energy and increase their confidence. Instead of trying to saddle a horse when they are running over the top of you and striking you on the head, decrease the energy. Run them around the round pen a little bit, or flag them with a flag until the energy decreases to a point that their self-preservation is no longer in full operation. As the energy begins to decrease, self-preservation will decrease, and we can build their confidence, by offering them comfort and companionship.

God does the same thing with us. We have the same primary driving factors and underlying driving factors that our horse does. God wants to get rid of our self-preservation (flesh) and offer us comfort and companionship in Him. We are driven the same way that our horse is. We are either like the mustang, full of pride and relying on our own ability to fight. Or, we are like the young colt with no confidence in our self, and putting all our faith in the security of our earthly companions. God gets rid of our self-preservation the same way that we do with our horses. He either increases the confidence, or decreases the energy. God will increase our confidence (faith) by increasing comfort and companionship (Holy Spirit) “in” Him, which will kill off our self-preservation. An example of this would be stepping into a Spirit-filled sermon or receiving revelation knowledge, which totally transforms your life and lets you know that God is real and

cares for you. You gain confidence in Him and give Him total control of your life.

The other way He gets rid of our self-preservation is to decrease our energy, “motivation and determination.” An example of this would be a person diagnosed with a life-threatening disease, or losing a loved one. We then find ourself with no confidence in ourself, and desperately begin to look for comfort. It is sad, but this is often the only way that God can get our attention (tragedies). We often get too much confidence in ourselves or our earthly companions, and forget that we are to be totally dependent on God. It is in these times that God helps us to become dependent on Him, by roping us around the neck and taking all our air away (energy) so to speak. Catastrophe strikes and we lose all the comfort and confidence that we thought we had in ourself and in our earthly companions. We begin to go looking for this comfort and ultimately find it “in” Him. In the same way, we rope a horse around the neck to decrease their energy and increase their confidence. God does the same thing with us.

The goal is to decrease self-preservation (flesh). This is done by increasing confidence (faith) and by increasing comfort and companionship. The more confidence our horse gains in us, the more self-preservation is killed off. The same thing is true with the Lord and us. The more time we spend in the Holy Spirit experiencing comfort and companionship “in” Him, the more confidence we gain and the more self-preservation (flesh) is killed off. We are only able to remove our self-preservation by gaining confidence in God. Our horse’s self-preservation is only removed when they gain confidence “in” us, and the same is true with the Lord. We cannot remove our self-preservation by gaining confidence in our pastors, priests, friends, or family. It has to come through the Holy Spirit and spending time “in” Him.

## **The Lord’s Prayer – Communicating Through Prayer**

In **Matthew 6:5-15**, Jesus tells us *how to pray* and *what to pray*. **“And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly” (Matthew 6:5-6 KJV).** These 2 verses tell us *how to pray*.

The first verse tells us that our prayers to God should be personal. Our prayers should not just be for others to see, but for a time of communication between God and man. The second verse tells us to “enter into thy closet.” Closet in the Greek means *used for storage or privacy, secret chamber, closet, storehouse*. Jesus tells us first we must find a place of privacy, a place with no distractions. This could be in a quiet room, in church with our eyes closed, or even driving down a peaceful interstate. The key to our quiet place is if we are able to shut the “door.” If we are to enter into a place where we can hear from God, we must first close the door to the distractions of this world.

Moses went on top of the mountain to speak to God. Abraham was on top of a mountain when God spoke to him and the transfiguration where God revealed His Glory through Jesus Christ, also appeared on top of a mountain. I am not saying the only place we can hear from God

is on top of a mountain. However, it was when these people distanced themselves from the distractions of the world that they were able to hear from God and experience His Glory. It has been my personal experience, that when I have taken the time to completely shut the door to this world, God is very faithful to open the door into heavenly places.

Once we have entered into this quiet secret place, Jesus assures us that God will reward us openly. Openly in the Greek means *shining*, i.e., *apparent, publicly, externally, abroad, appear, known, manifest, open [-ly], outward [-ly]*. When God says He will reward us openly, He is telling us He will make Himself known and manifest Himself upon us. I don't know about you, but that is pretty exciting to me.

So now that we know *how to pray* to God, let's find out *what to pray* to God. Jesus tells us through Scripture. **“But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knows what things ye have need of, before ye ask him. After this manner therefore pray ye:**

**Our father which art in heaven,  
Hallowed be your name.  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil:  
for thine is the kingdom, and  
the power, and the glory, for ever.  
Amen. (Matthew 6:7-13 KJV)**

The first line to the Lord's Prayer is **“Our Father which art in heaven...”** By signifying that He is our Father, this places us as His son/daughter. Jesus tells us how to approach our Father, **“And he said: ‘I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven’ ”** (Matthew 18:3-4).

No matter what age we are, whether we are 8 or 80, God wants us to be converted as little children. Converted means to turn around or reverse. We must change from running our own lives, to letting God run our lives. If we let our little kids run their own lives, could you imagine what kind of trouble they would get into? I think God thinks the same thing about His kids. Just as parents would not like to see their children going through hurts and heartaches, the same is true with God. **“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light”** (Matthew 11:28-30).

The next line in the Lord's Prayer is "**Hallowed be thy name.**" God is Holy and there is power in His name. In Jesus' name the dead rise, the sick are healed, Satan flees, and fear is changed into strength. We serve a mighty and Holy God. His very presence sends people falling to their faces. He created the heavens and the earth and everything in it. God is the ruler of the universe, and He IS worthy of our praise and worship.

"**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.**" The next line in the Lord's Prayer says, "**Thy kingdom come.**" If we have prepared ourselves to hear from God and have been converted as little children, then we will be able to enter into the kingdom of heaven, "the realm of God" (see revelation chapter). "**Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven**" (Matthew 18:4).

It is then that we can ask God to show us His glory. It is then that we say, "**Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.**" It is important to note that the 2 "ins" in the sentence above do not mean the same thing. The first "in" means to be *over* or *upon*, as we walk upon the earth or sail over the seas. The second "in" comes from 2 words, the first meaning *to* or *into* (*indicating a place reached or entered*) of *place, time, or purpose*. The second word means *denoting origin* (*the point whence motion or action proceeds*), *from, out* (*of place time or cause*). We are born into this world, a world of sin. But through Jesus, we may be born again, born into the kingdom of heaven. This is a place that we enter into; we go out from this realm and enter into the realm of God. The Strong's Concordance says by implication heaven means happiness. Entering into the realm of God can be as extreme as being drawn up into the third heaven, "**I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven**" (2 Corinthians 12:2), or as simple as having a peace fall over you that gives you pure joy and happiness. "**But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law**" (Galatians 5:22).

It is not until this point into the prayer that we actually ask God for anything. The next verse says, "**Give us this day our daily bread.**" We only ask that we would be fed, that God would reveal Himself to us, and that we would receive nourishment. We ask for bread, something to chew on. We are not going to man to receive milk, but to God to receive the meat that Paul talks about, "**But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil**" (Hebrews 5:14 KJV).

The next line we say is "**And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.**" A debt is something you owe. We owe God our life because of sin. But, Jesus died for that sin, so we are no longer accountable. Once we ask forgiveness for our sins, we are then washed of our sins. God has given us much mercy, but what we have received we must be sure to also give. "**For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins**" (Matthew 6:14-15). Meditate on this scripture. We have a distorted view of God's forgiveness. We think that God will always forgive us. However, if you do not forgive men their sins, God will not forgive you your sins. God showed me once in a dream, He cannot cleanse me of my sins, until I forgive those who have sinned against me. Bitterness is a cancer to the heart. It is sin that separates us from God, and no matter how many times we ask for forgiveness and pray to be cleansed of our

sins, if we have not forgiven, God will not forgive us. **“And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him. So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not everyone his brother their trespasses” (Matthew 18:34-35 KJV).** If you feel like you have been cast into bondage and have lost the peace that can only come from God, start forgiving. We will never be close to God until we start forgiving.

We then say, **“And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.”** For us to say, *“lead us not into temptation,”* we must be following. God will not lead us into a temptation greater than we can handle, **“And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it” (1 Corinthians 10:13).** However, if we fail to be led by Him on a daily basis, we will surely sin. When we are thinking about God, it is hard to sin, but the moment we quit thinking about God, it often does not take long until we have sinned. This scripture tells me that Satan is going to attack us. We can expect it. Just as a man going to battle is expected to fight, when we wake up we know Satan is going to try us. We can choose to go out unarmed and be sure to fail, or walk with a shield of faith and stand a fighting chance, or my favorite is to get behind God.

Let God lead us and fall behind the protection of the living God. Let God deal with His fallen angel, and become totally wrapped up in God’s presence. I have certainly not obtained it, but I have read of men that never left God’s presence. God’s presence is the only place Satan has no hope of ever reaching us.

The last verse in the Lord’s Prayer says, **“for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.”** Jesus tells us that our Father has the kingdom, the power, and glory waiting for us. The Strong’s Concordance tells us that the kingdom is “a realm of God,” the power is “miraculous power,” and His Glory is “very apparent.” Once we enter God’s Kingdom, we can see, feel, and experience His Glory, and His miraculous power can be manifested through us.