

*Make the Most of this*  
**NEW YEAR**



*Live a*

**PRAYERFUL**

*Life*



*When you pray, don't be like the hypocrites who love to pray publicly on street corners and in the synagogues where everyone can see them. I tell you the truth, that is all the reward they will ever get. But when you pray, go away by yourself, shut the door behind you, and pray to your Father in private. Then your Father, who sees everything, will reward you. When you pray, don't babble on and on as the Gentiles do. They think their prayers are answered merely by repeating their words again and again.*

**MATTHEW 6:5-13**



*Don't be like them, for your Father knows exactly what you need even before you ask him! Pray like this:*

*Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy. May your Kingdom come soon. May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us today the food we need, and forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us. And don't let us yield to temptation, but rescue us from the evil one.*

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# MAIN POINT

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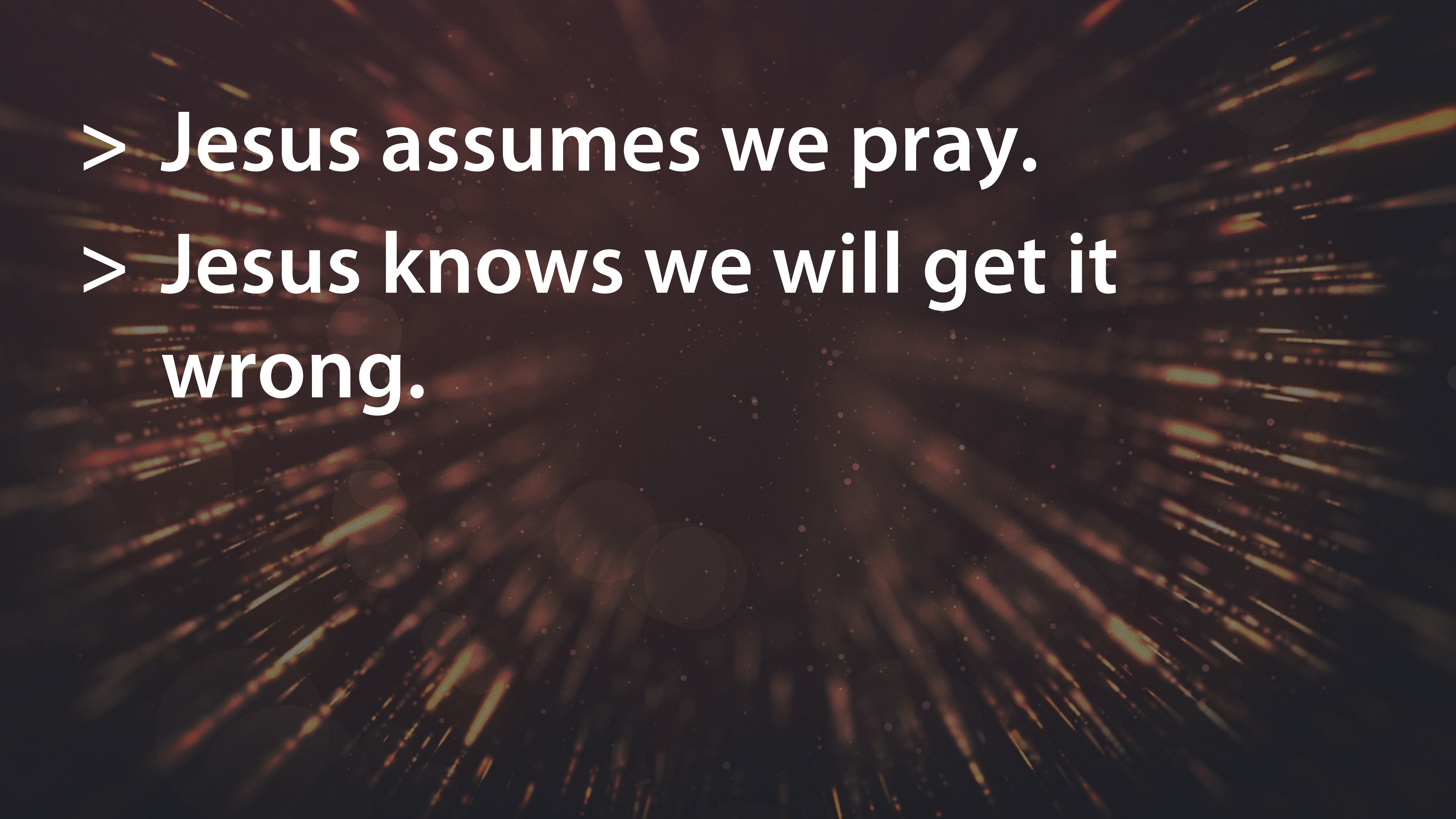
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*Pray without ceasing.*

1 THESSALONIANS 5:17 (KJV)



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  - > **Jesus knows we will get it wrong.**



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**1**

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*...pray to your Father in private. Then your Father, who sees everything, will reward you.*

*...your Father knows exactly what you need even before you ask him! Pray like this: Our Father in heaven...*

MATTHEW 6:5-13



**2**

**Pray like He will  
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**MATTHEW 6:5-13**



*I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them. Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity. This is good and pleases God our Savior, who wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth.*

**1 TIMOTHY 2:1-4**



**Do you trust  
Him to \_\_\_\_\_ ?**



**3**

**Pray like He will  
transform you.**



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*Pray like this: ...and forgive us our sins, as we  
have forgiven those who sin against us...*

MATTHEW 6:5-13



> **God forgiving you will  
transform your eternity.**

*But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and  
just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all  
wickedness.*

**1 JOHN 1:9**



**> Forgiving others transforms both you and them.**

*Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior. Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.*

**EPHESIANS 4:31-32**



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**Pray like He will  
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*Pray like this: ...and don't let us yield to temptation, but rescue us from the evil one.*

MATTHEW 6:5-13



*What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us?*

**ROMANS 8:31**



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**So why aren't  
you praying?**



*I commit to pray  
\_\_\_\_\_ times a week.*



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# CONNECTION CARD

Drop off in the black boxes as you exit, or meet us at the Connection Center in the lobby!

NAME(S) & BIRTHDAY(S)

M  
 F  
  
 M  
 F

PHONE NUMBER(S)

EMAIL(S)

ADDRESS

I'm new to BCA     BCA is my home!

## MY DECISION:

- I want to follow Jesus
- I want to be baptized
- I want to start serving at BCA
- I want to sign up for the DISCOVER class

## PRAYERS / COMMENTS

How can we pray for you?





