

CLASS TWO

PRAYING IN THE SPIRIT PART 2



HOW DID THIS AFFECT YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK?



We

Community



Cry

Real




Abba

Relationship




Father

Safe



“But you, dear friends, by building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in God’s love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life.”

(Jude 1:20-21 NIV11)




“In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God’s people in accordance with the will of God.”

(Romans 8:26-27 NIV11)




1. The Spirit Is On Our Side




“In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness.

(Romans 8:26a NIV11)




“In an uncertain world, we often feel desperate for absolutes. It’s the human response to fear. When religious leaders leverage our fear and need for more certainty by extracting vulnerability from spirituality and turning faith into “compliance and consequences,” rather than teaching and modelling how to wrestle with the unknown and how to embrace mystery, the entire concept of faith is bankrupt on its own terms. Faith minus vulnerability equals politics, or worse, extremism. Spiritual connection and engagement is not built on compliance, it’s the product of love, belonging, and vulnerability.”

“The Gifts of Imperfection”, Brene Brown



“..hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.”

(Romans 5:5 NIV11)




“For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.”

(Ephesians 2:18 NIV11)






2. The Spirit Prays For Us




“We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.”

(Romans 8:26a NIV11)



“This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.”

(1 John 5:14 NIV11)

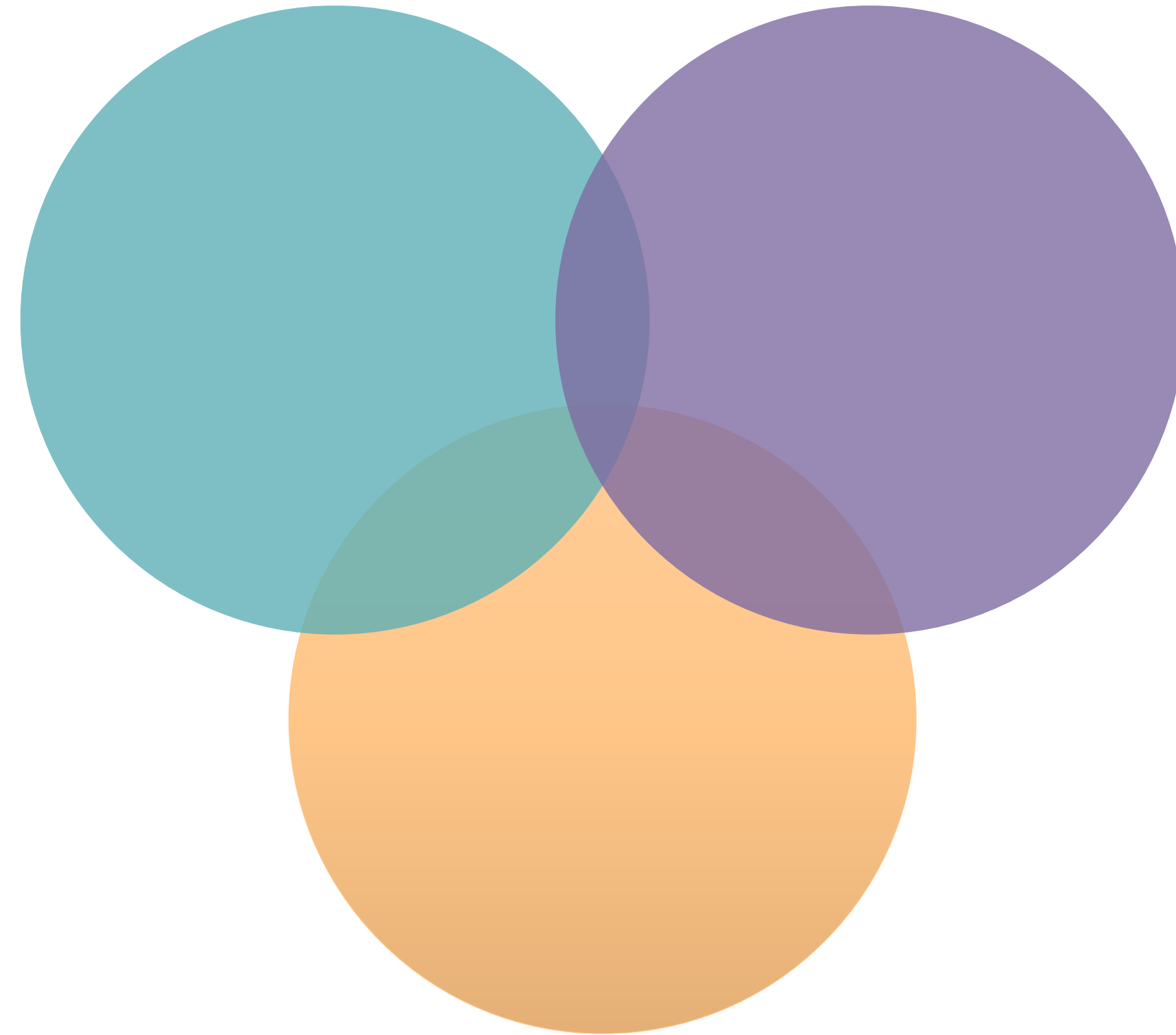


“The Spirit, however, makes our groaning his groaning, putting his prayers to the Father inside our prayers. He does so by placing within us a deep, inexpressible longing to do God’s will and see his glory...The Spirit enables us to long for the future glory of God and his will, even though we don’t know the specific thing we should pray for here and now.”
Keller, “Prayer”, page 72.



TRIPLE CONCLUSION

In Jesus' Name
John 14.13-14




According to God's will
1 John 5.14

For Father's glory
John 14.13




3. The Spirit moves us towards God's will




“And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God’s people in accordance with the will of God.”

(Romans 8:26-27 NIV11)




“your kingdom come,
your will be done, on
earth as it is in heaven.”
(Matt 6:10 NIV11)

“The spirit is willing, but
the flesh is weak.”
(Matt 26:41 NIV11)




“After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.”

(Acts 4:31 NIV11)



“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people.”

(Ephesians 6:18 NIV11)



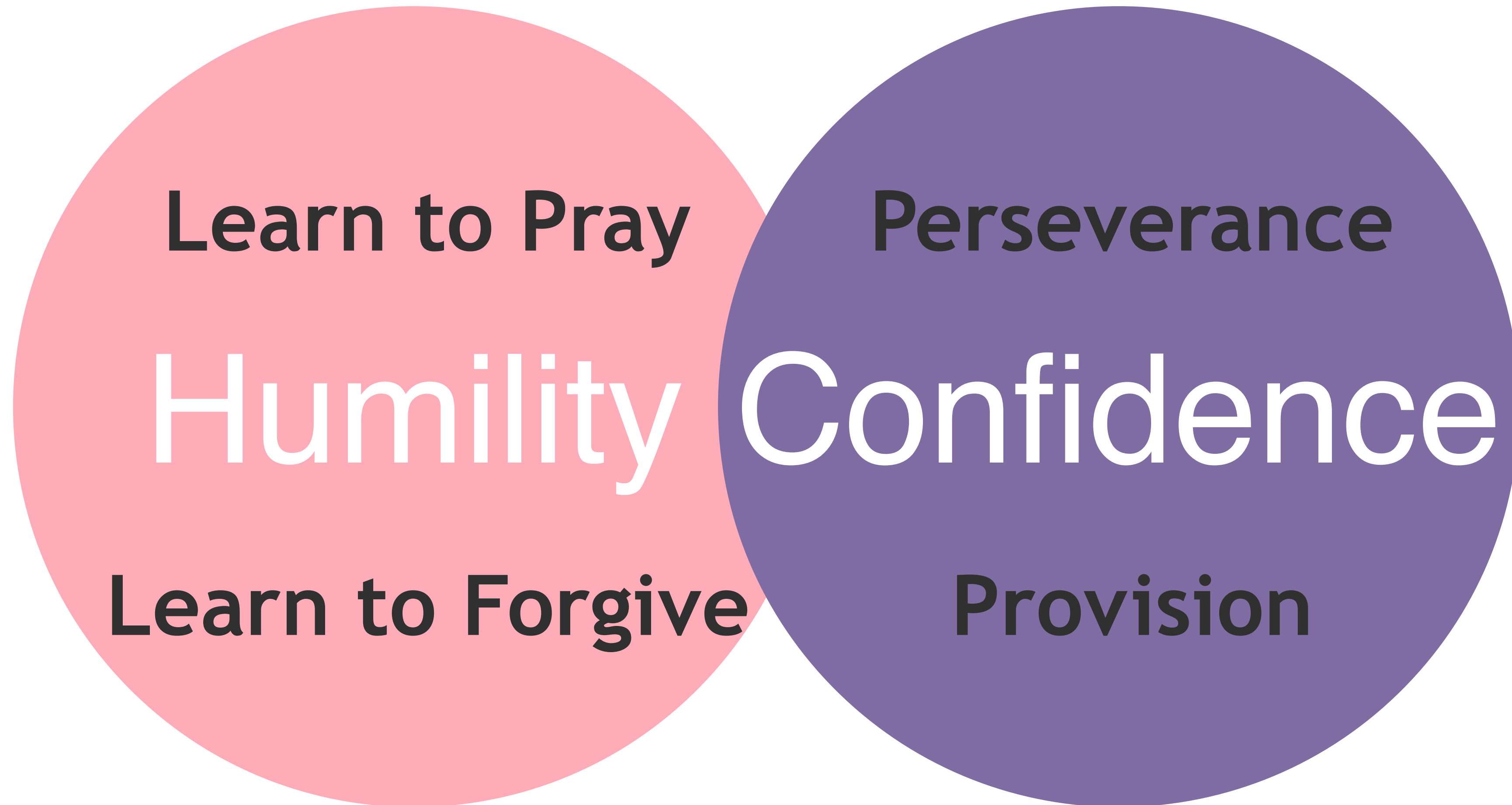
“..in the Spirit means more than by the Spirit’s help. The Spirit is the atmosphere of Christians’ lives, and as they live *in the Spirit*, grace will be given to watch, and power to continue in prayer.”

Foulkes, Francis. Ephesians: An Introduction and Commentary.



Summary

“Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.” (Eph 4:32 NIV11)



“This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.” 1 Jn 5:14



NEXT WEEK

“BY THE SPIRIT”

CLASS 3