

“We Cry”: Romans 8:15–27

Praying in the Spirit - Part 1

- *“I will ask the Father, and he will give you another **advocate** to **help** you and **be with you** forever— the Spirit of truth.” **John 14:16–17***
- *“When you believed, you were marked in him with a **seal**, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit **guaranteeing** our **inheritance** until the **redemption** of those who are God’s possession—to the praise of his glory.” **(Ephesians 1:13–14 NIV11)***
- *“And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling **in which God lives** by his Spirit.” **(Ephesians 2:22 NIV11)***

1. “We”

- “our father”, not “my father”, **Matthew 6.9**
- **Ephesians 2:22; 1 Corinthians 12.26; Acts 4; 2 Thessalonians 3.1; James 5.16**
- “How does the “**we** cry” help your life of prayer?”
- “What is meaningful for you from this point?”

2. “Cry”

- “cry” - deep emotion, in distress (see all NT refs to ‘kratzo’ below)*
- **Matthew 14.30; 9.27; Mark 6.49; John 19.12; Luke 19.40**
- A. Creation groans, Romans **8.22**
- B. We groan, **8:23**
- C. Spirit groans, **8:26–27**
- “What kinds of life situations have we encountered that have caused us to “cry” to God in the Spirit?”
- “What is the difference between moaning and groaning?”
- For what purpose? **8:28–29**. Groan to grow.

Conclusion

- What do these two points mean for you and your ‘group’?
- 1. We - communal
- 2. Cry - real
- How will you adjust the way you pray as a result of what the Spirit has made possible?
- Suggestion: Use **Romans 8.15** as a prayer frame for a week - “We cry, “Abba, Father.””

*“Cry” (katzo): Matt. 8:29; 9:27; 14:26, 30; 15:22–23; 20:30–31; 21:9, 15; 27:23, 50; Mark 3:11; 5:5, 7; 9:24, 26; 10:47–48; 11:9; 15:13–14; Luke 4:41; 9:39; 18:39; 19:40; John 1:15; 7:28, 37; 12:44; Acts 7:57, 60; 14:14; 16:17; 19:28, 32, 34; 21:28, 36; 23:6; 24:21; Rom. 8:15; 9:27; Gal. 4:6; James 5:4; Rev. 6:10; 7:2, 10; 10:3; 12:2; 14:15; 18:2, 18–19; 19:17