

NOT JUST FOR EMERGENCIES



Theme: *Prayer is not just for emergencies*

Scripture: *Psalm 18:6*

Props: *A cell phone*

I brought my cell phone today just in case we have some kind of emergency. You know – if there’s a fire or if someone needs an ambulance. If that happens, what number do I dial? Right! 911! You dial 911 and the dispatcher says, “911. What is your emergency?” And then they send whatever help you need.

You know, some people think of prayer as a kind of 911. Whenever they have a problem they pray. Maybe a problem at work, or money problems, or even a problem with someone at school. They pray and ask God to help them. It’s like sending up a 911 to God.

And we should take our problems to God. King David did. In Psalm 18:6 he says, “I cried to my God for help. From His temple He heard my voice.” So David sent a 911 up to God and God heard him.

But do we use our cell phones only for emergencies? No! And we shouldn’t use prayer only for emergencies, either. God wants us to talk to Him about everything, not just emergencies. We should tell Him what we’re thankful for. Maybe tell Him what we’re excited about. And He especially likes it when we tell Him how much we love Him.

I mean, how would you like it if you had a friend who only talked to you when he had a problem and the only thing he ever said to you was, “Help me! Help me!”? It’s the same with God. He does want us to turn to Him when we have an emergency, but prayer isn’t just for emergencies.

In fact, let’s pray now. Dear Father, we thank You that we can talk to You in prayer. Help us to remember that we can talk to you anytime about anything. We thank you in Jesus’ precious name. Amen.

Song: *“I Will Call upon the Lord”*