

# Ryan Vanderland: The Struggle of Prayer | Baptists Preaching

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## Ryan Vanderland: The Struggle of Prayer (Matthew 26:36-44)

Ryan Vanderland, pastor of [First Baptist Church](#) in Electra, Texas, teaches about the nature and purpose of prayer, calling it communication and communion with God. What's more, God invites us to be involved in God's actions in this world through our prayers.

Prayer—asking God to do something for our benefit—becomes a struggle when nothing happens, when it seems God doesn't hear us. Vanderland addresses this struggle by examining Jesus' prayer on the night he was arrested. **To listen to the audio for this sermon, use the player below or [click here](#) to open in a new window.**

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