

KNOWING GOD PERSONALLY

Pray

April 25, 2021

TWO WAYS NOT TO PRAY

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Prayer Key #2: _____ to God’s Person and Plans.

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Prayer Key #3: _____ your needs to God.

1. Physical Sustenance.
2. Spiritual Restoration.
3. Spiritual Protection.

RESOURCES

Join Pastor Paul this afternoon at 4:00p in the auditorium to have a discussion together on how to pray. He’ll share things that have been helpful to him (and things that haven’t) and would also love to hear the same from you.

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