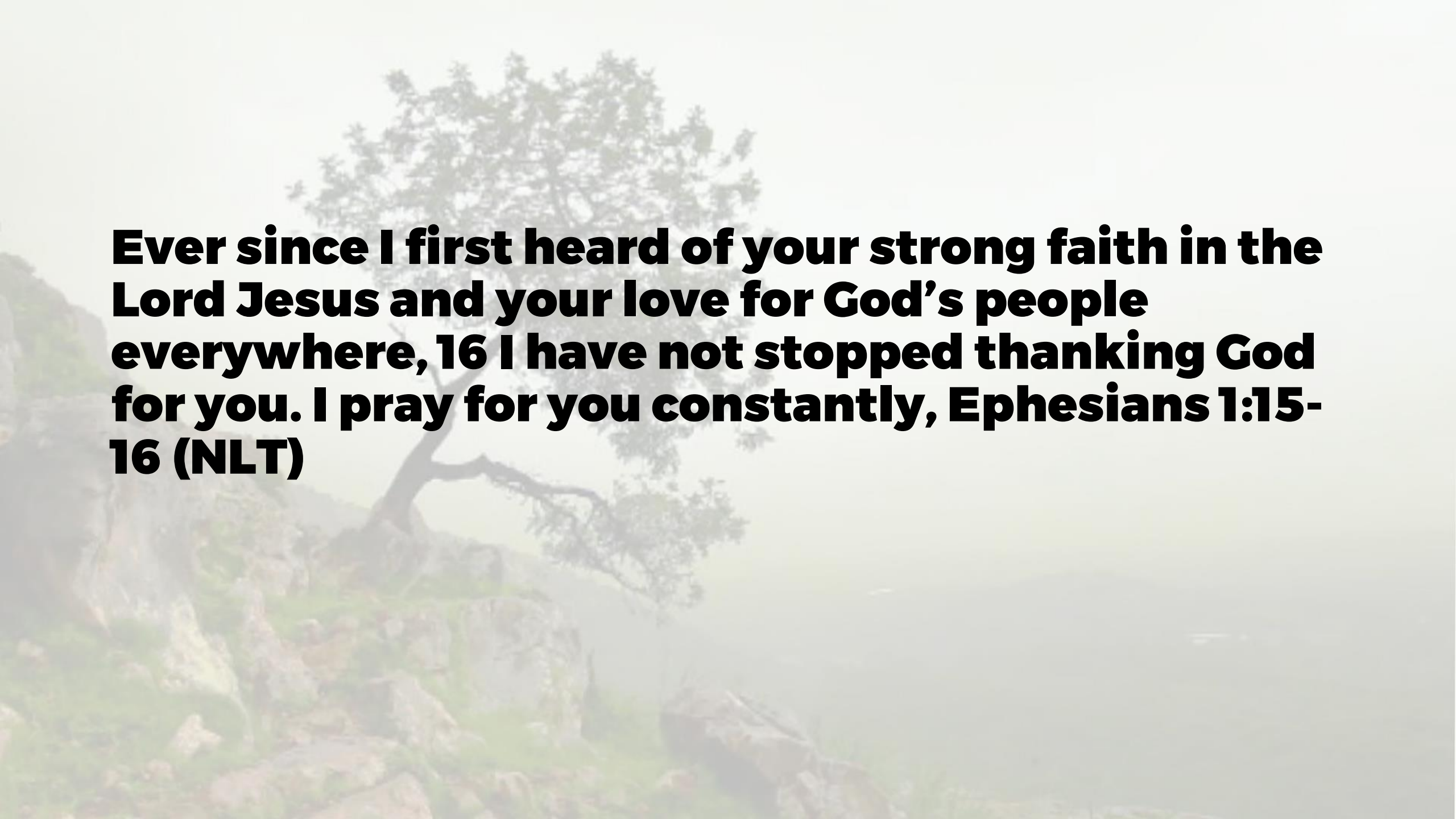




# Rooted: Prayer

Ephesians 1:15-16

A misty, mountainous landscape with a large tree in the foreground and a valley in the distance. The scene is hazy and atmospheric, with soft light filtering through the fog. The tree is a large, spreading deciduous tree with dense foliage. The mountains in the background are partially obscured by the mist, creating a sense of depth and tranquility. The overall tone is peaceful and serene.

**Ever since I first heard of your strong faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for God's people everywhere, I have not stopped thanking God for you. I pray for you constantly, Ephesians 1:15-16 (NLT)**

A misty landscape with a large tree on a rocky outcrop. The scene is hazy and atmospheric, with a large, gnarled tree standing prominently on a rocky ledge in the foreground. The background shows a valley or a body of water shrouded in mist, with distant hills or mountains visible. The overall tone is serene and contemplative.

# **I. What is prayer**

**Never stop praying. 1 Thessalonians 5:17 (NLT)**



# I. **What is prayer**

**Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. 7 Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.  
Philippians 4:6-7 (NLT)**

# **I. What is prayer**

**2 You want what you don't have, so you scheme and kill to get it. You are jealous of what others have, but you can't get it, so you fight and wage war to take it away from them. Yet you don't have what you want because you don't ask God for it. 3 And even when you ask, you don't get it because your motives are all wrong—you want only what will give you pleasure. James 4:2-3 (NLT)**

# I. **What is prayer**

**16 “Don’t be afraid!” Elisha told him. “For there are more on our side than on theirs!” 17 Then Elisha prayed, “O LORD, open his eyes and let him see!” The LORD opened the young man’s eyes, and when he looked up, he saw that the hillside around Elisha was filled with horses and chariots of fire. 2 Kings 6:16-17 (NLT)**

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# **I. What is prayer**

**Prayer is a conversation with God.**



## **II. How should we pray**

**5 “When you pray, don’t be like the hypocrites who love to pray publicly on street corners and in the synagogues where everyone can see them. I tell you the truth, that is all the reward they will ever get. 6 But when you pray, go away by yourself, shut the door behind you, and pray to your Father in private. Then your Father, who sees everything, will reward you. 7 “When you pray, don’t babble on and on as people of other religions do. They think their prayers are answered merely by repeating their words again and again.**



## **II. How should we pray**

**8 Don't be like them, for your Father knows exactly what you need even before you ask him! 9 Pray like this: Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy. 10 May your Kingdom come soon. May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. 11 Give us today the food we need, 12 and forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us. 13 And don't let us yield to temptation, but rescue us from the evil one. Matthew 6:5-13 (NLT)**

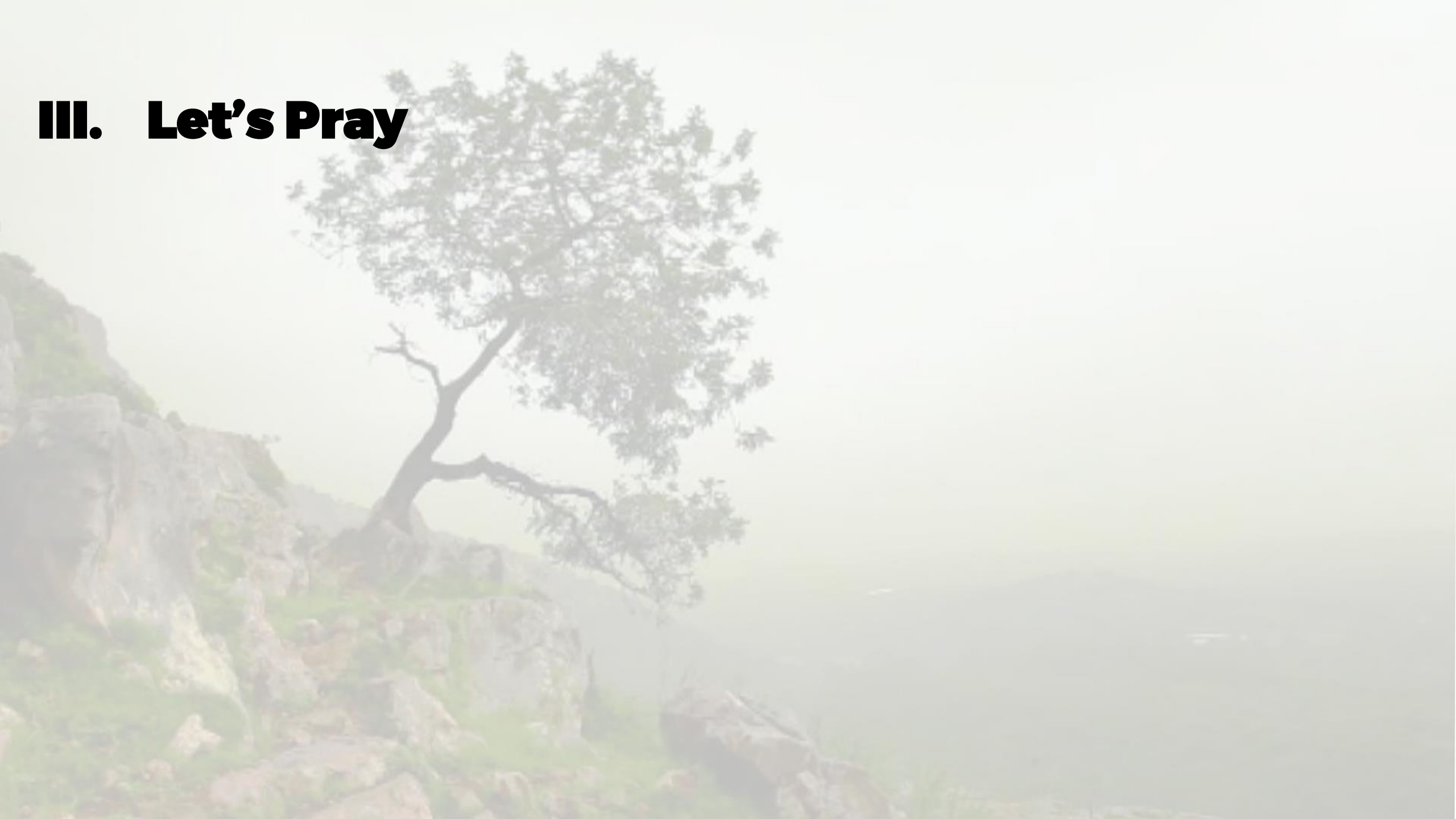
## **II. How should we pray**

- 1. Don't pray in public to bring attention to yourself**
- 2. Pray in a place where you can focus**
- 3. Don't babble**
- 4. Prayer should focus on who God is**
- 5. Prayer should focus on what the Lord wants done**
- 6. Prayer should focus on our surrender to him as our provider**
- 7. Prayer should focus on what God has done in our life**
- 8. God wants us to ask for things**

## **II. How should we pray**

- Misconception 1: You must be elegant or sound spiritual when you pray**
- Misconception 2: You shouldn't pray selfish prayers**
- Misconception 3: You can't tell God how you really feel**

### **III. Let's Pray**







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