A PRAYER I NEED

"Lord, am I failing or and betraying You."

Matthew 26:22

You must pray in your own life so that God can build the character you need to reach into someone else's life.

<u>*A Few Thoughts*</u>

- *When <u>we</u> pray, we talk to the Lord; we don't see Him.*
- *When the <u>disciples</u> prayed, they talked to the Lord; they saw Him.*
- *Prayer is communicating with Jesus – connecting our hearts with His.*

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1. In Matthew 26:22, who asked this prayer to Jesus? _____
2. In Matthew 26:25, who asked this prayer to Jesus? _____
- In John 21:15, Jesus asked Peter if he loved Him (Jesus). Peter answered, "Lord,. You know I like You."
3. __Yes __No   If Peter cannot honestly tell the Lord that he loves Him after all that Peter had seen, isn't Peter actually saying, "I am failing You, Lord"?
- *Peter never said to Jesus, "Lord, I screwed up." Neither did Judas Iscariot.*
- *Has Jesus ever expected us to be perfect? He just wants us to be honest.*
4. Look in Genesis 3:12. Who did Adam blame for their sin? __Himself __His Wife

<u>Let's Look at Moses.</u>

5. In Numbers 20:8, what did God tell Moses to do to the rock? _____
6. In Numbers 20:11, what did Moses actually do? _____
7. What is the problem here? _____
- *I cannot find any words from Moses telling God that he messed up.*
8. What did Moses ask God in Deut. 3:25? _____
9. What had God already told Moses in Numbers 20:12? _____
- *There are consequences for our sins; God wants us to understand that. One way to prove you understand is to tell God in prayer that "I messed up; I sinned".*
- *1 Cor. 10:4 says that the rock in Numbers was a symbol for the ROCK, Jesus.*
10. In Deut. 32:4-37, Moses finally realized (years later) that the Rock he was beating on: Was perfect (4); would provide for him (13); would save him (15); created him (18); would punish justly (30); was the only God (31); would protect him (37).
    a. __Yes __No   Wasn't Moses really mad at God when he hit the rock twice?
    b. __Yes __No   Wouldn't it be better to say, "Lord, I am at fault here; change me."
    c. __Yes __No   Can you say, "I betrayed You Lord; forgive me; keep using me."
- *When I tell the Lord that I was wrong, His hug gets a little tighter.*