

Influential People

Hebrews 4:16 “Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.”

2 Corinthians 9:8 “And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.”

Our men’s prayer group took a retreat to “Pappy’s Smokehouse”, voted best bbq in St. Louis, and featured on “Man v. Food”. I got my picture with the owner, and thought, “Yeah! A picture with the man himself.”

Then we did what every men’s prayer group does, we hopped on the Fenton exit and took a tour of Joyce Meyer Ministries. The tour-lady said, “Look! There she is right now, getting into her car!” I was thirty feet away from meeting one of the most influential women of our time. But I couldn’t just go up and talk to her. She was driving away with an assistant and bodyguard.

The next day I get an email. It was all these pictures of United States military personnel and their families getting photos with former President George Bush.

I started thinking, at “Pappy’s” I was relatively lucky. At Joyce Meyer’s, I was close, but didn’t get to talk with her or shake her hand. And the former President, I’d sure like to meet him.

So I think: Influential people are important to us only if they influence us right?

“Pappy’s” influenced me with great bbq, and Joyce with winning the battle of the mind. But isn’t God the most influential person in the universe? I don’t have to drive long-distance, pay money, or illegally bust my way through a bodyguard. All I have to do is by grace, draw near to this God who has enough influence to change this selfish heart, and give me true life in a relationship with Him.