

“Just Ask, Just Seek, Just Knock!” 10/15/17

Luke 11:5-13

Sermon Series- “*Essential Jesus- The Man, The Mission, The Message*”

Big Idea- God is a good and gracious Father to us who is eager to hear us trust in Him and to rely on Him for the needs we have in this life.

**** 72 miracles in gospels – 26% own faith, 11% faith of others, 25% little or NO faith, 4% have faith but submit to God’s will in the matter.

LESSON 1- We can overcome obstacles by focusing on God’s CHARACTER

- A. God’s character should direct us to accept God’s INVITATION
(Jer 29:12-13; 33:3; Isaiah 30:19; 65:24; Heb 4:16; Matt 27:51-veil torn)

“Pray to me when you are in trouble! I will deliver you, and you will honor me!”
(Psalm 50:15)

- B. God’s character should direct us to accept God’s ASSURANCE
(1 John 5:14-15; 3:20-22; Matt 21:22; John 14:13; 15:7; 16:24)

LESSON 2- We can overcome obstacles by focusing on God’s CREDIBILITY

- A. God’s credibility should drive us to trust to believe that it WILL BE
(“will be given”.... “you will find”.... “will be opened”...)

- B. God’s credibility should drive us to trust to believe this is for ALL
(“everyone who asks receives... seeks finds... knocks...opened”)

LESSON 3- We can overcome obstacles by focusing on God’s CARE

- A. God’s care should help us to trust that He will give us what is HELPFUL
(Matt 6:8, 32... “Your heavenly Father knows what you need”; Phil 4:6)

- B. God’s care should help us to trust that He will give us what is GOOD
(James 1:17; Luke 11:13- the Holy Spirit... the BEST gift!)

- C. God’s care should help us to trust that He will give us the perfect DAD
(We know when to say no... God knows even better! Psalm 103:13)

Going Deeper *As we walk by faith, we must trust that God is GOOD to us all the time!*

Which of you...? (11:5 in Greek)- This phrase always requires a negative answer (see Mark 6:27; Luke 12:25; 14:5, 28; 17:7; John 8:46). Jesus is using *a fortiori* logic here. If it is true in the lesser, it is true in the greater. This is about a contrast.

Luke 11:5-8

Character	Characteristics	<u>Contrast</u> - GOD IS:
Sleepy Friend	Unwilling to get up out of love, petty, selfish, unreceptive, unapproachable, brusque, grouchy, unwelcoming, unresponsive, grudgingly helps, deems friend not worth the trouble, motivated out of annoyance	Eager, gentle, hospitable, congenial, friendly, approachable, generous, desirous, amenable, responsive, believes we are always worth His attention, motivated out of love and concern
Bold Shameless Friend	Unruly, audacious, impudent, insensitive, inopportune, brazen, presumptuous, intruding	With God- There is no wrong time or reason not to approach Him. He does not see us as annoying or intruding on Him.

Which of you...? (11:11 in Greek)- This phrase always requires a negative answer. If it is true in the lesser, it is true in the greater. "How much more...."

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Son asks for:	Bad father gives:	<u>Contrast</u> - God gives:
Bread (Matt 7:9)	Stones (useless)	That which is valuable, helpful, worthwhile
Fish	Serpent (dangerous, destructive, damaging)	That which is safe, good, beneficial
Egg	Scorpion (dangerous, destructive, damaging)	That which is safe, good, beneficial