

THEY NEED HELP

EPISODE 3 OF 4

THE MODEL PRAYER

FATHER, YOU ARE GOOD; I NEED HELP; HEAL ME AND FORGIVE ME; THEY NEED HELP; THANK YOU; IN JESUS' NAME, AMEN.

God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

MAIN IDEA: PRAYER IS A PRIMARY TOOL IN CONNECTING PEOPLE WITH GOD, OTHERS AND THEMSELVES THROUGH THE ENJOYMENT OF NATURE.

STORY #1: SON WITH SEIZURES

When they came to the crowd, a man approached Jesus and knelt before him. Lord, have mercy on my son, he said. He has seizures and is suffering greatly. He often falls into the fire or into the water. I brought him to your disciples, but they could not heal him. Matthew 17:14-16

You unbelieving and perverse generation," Jesus replied, "how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy here to me. Matthew 17: 17

TO INTERCEDE FOR OTHERS IS TO TRUST GOD'S GREAT ABILITY IN THE FACE OF OUR DEEP INABILITY.

STORY #2: ASKING A FRIEND FOR HELP

Then Jesus said to them, Suppose you have a friend...

...and you go to him at midnight and say, Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him. And suppose the one inside answers, Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.

I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need.

So, I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. Luke 11:5-10

STORY #3: MOSES INTERCESSION

Then the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened. Exodus 32:12–14

We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. 2 Corinthians 5:20