

**Sermon Notes**  
**September 1, 2019 – Luke 11:1-13**  
**Jesus Stories 6: The Listening Father**

**Summary:** Sometimes it is hard for us to go to God and pray. As Jesus teaches about prayer, he tells us that because of our heavenly Father's perfection, graciousness and goodness, we can pray dependently, shamelessly and expectantly.

**Intro:** Choosing not to ask & regretting it

- A. Our perception of others influences how we \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Especially in our prayers to \_\_\_\_\_
  - 1. Prayer is simply \_\_\_\_\_ with God
  - 2. But the way we pray to God
  - 3. depends a lot on what we \_\_\_\_\_ God is like
- C. Jesus' Teaching on Prayer (Luke 11:1-13)
  - I. **God's Fatherly perfection encourages us to pray dependently (1-4)**
  - A. Our prayer happens within the context of a Father-child \_\_\_\_\_
    - 1. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ us that relationship
    - 2. The Great Exchange
    - 3. We can now pray to Father God as a beloved \_\_\_\_\_

- B. Relating to God as our Father may be \_\_\_\_\_ for us
  - 1. because we tend to understand God the Father as being like our \_\_\_\_\_ father
  - 2. All of us had earthly fathers who were broken, imperfect \_\_\_\_\_
  - 3. Some of us may have experienced neglect or \_\_\_\_\_ from our father
- C. God is a Father unlike any earthly Father
  - 1. God is the \_\_\_\_\_ Father
    - a. He \_\_\_\_\_ us and all things perfectly
    - b. He \_\_\_\_\_ us and all creation perfectly
    - c. The \_\_\_\_\_ he intends to bring about for us and all creation is perfect (Jer. 29:11; Rom. 8:28)
  - 2. We can pray to Father God like We can now pray to Father God as a beloved \_\_\_\_\_ did (Abba, Father)
  - 3. So we can pray We can now pray to Father God as a beloved \_\_\_\_\_
    - a. We go to our Father for anything at anytime
    - b. And know that he will give us what is best

**II. God's graciousness emboldens us to pray shamelessly (5-8)**

A. Shameless persistence

- 1. Reasons for We can now pray to Father God as a beloved \_\_\_\_\_

B. Reasons for \_\_\_\_\_ shame (Rom. 5:8)

- 1. Because of our Father's graciousness we can pray \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. We can go to our Father in shame
  - b. And know that he will never shame us

**III. God's goodness enables us to pray expectantly (9-13)**

- 1. Substitution in Jesus' Story
  - a. Bad for good
  - b. Unclean for clean
- 2. God's Substitution for Us
  - a. We ask for \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. And God gives us what is \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Because of our Father's goodness we can pray \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. We can go to our Father & ask for what we think is good
  - b. And know that he will give us what he knows is best

**Conclusion:**

- A. Jesus not only made it possible for us to pray to God as our Father
- B. Jesus also showed us what a life of prayer is like
- C. Application: How does this message apply to your life?

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