

THE GOD GAP

PRAYING IN THE GAP



**How many times do you need to pray for
something before God will do it?**



**Why do you need to pray repetitively
for God to do something?**



1. The Relationships

v5-8,11-13



Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; 6 a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.’ Luke 11:5–6

“Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? 12 Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? 13 If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

Luke 11:11-13

2. The Nature of the Request

v8



Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. 10 For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. Luke 11:9–10

What are people asking for in the story?



**The nature of the relationship
shapes the nature of the request.**



**If you remain in me and my words remain in you,
ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.**

John 15:7

What would be nice

What God intends to do

Physical healing

Missions

A nice car

Provision in the wilderness

A parking spot

People becoming like Jesus

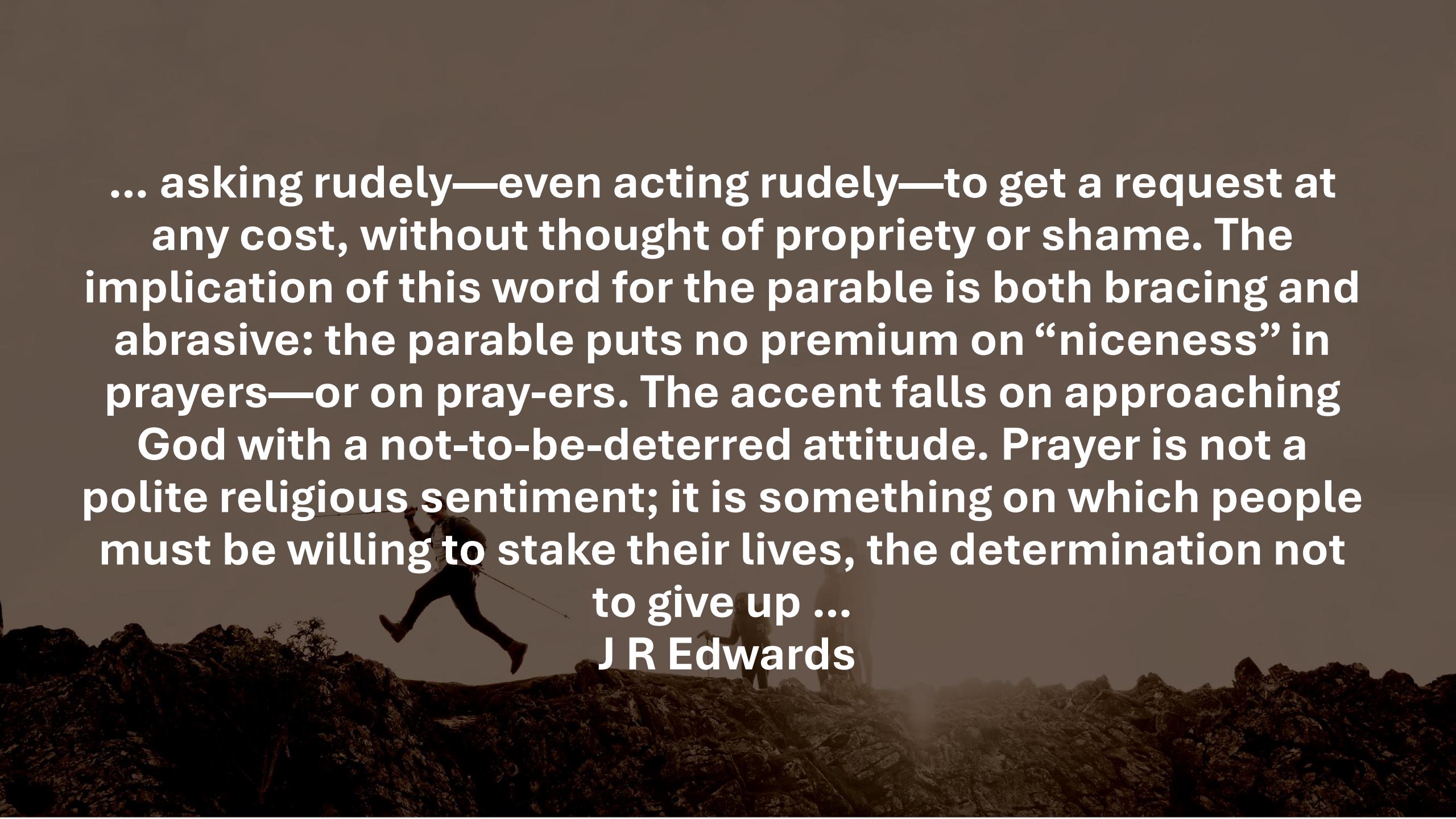
**The more you get to know him
personally, the greater the likelihood
he will give you what you ask for.**



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. Luke 11:8

... asking rudely—even acting rudely—to get a request at any cost, without thought of propriety or shame. The implication of this word for the parable is both bracing and abrasive: the parable puts no premium on “niceness” in prayers—or on pray-ers. The accent falls on approaching God with a not-to-be-deterring attitude. Prayer is not a polite religious sentiment; it is something on which people must be willing to stake their lives, the determination not to give up ...

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A black and white photograph of a person climbing a rocky mountain. The climber is in mid-stride, with one leg extended forward and one hand gripping a rock. The background is filled with more rugged, rocky terrain under a clear sky. The image serves as a visual metaphor for the "determination not to give up" mentioned in the quote.

3. The Request

v5,11-12



Our biggest shortcoming is low expectations. We underestimate how good and how great God is by 15.5 billion light-years. The solution to this problem is prayer. Prayer is the way we sanctify our expectations.

Mark Batterson



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Come at me.

