

Series: NOT ALONE: Where are you God?

Title: ASK: God! I Need Help!

Text: 1 John 5:14-15

Introduction:

Memory Verse

Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. (Psalm 37:4)

Big Idea

Prayer is your acknowledgement that God is within _____ distance of you.

Let's look at three reasons we should have a lifestyle of prayer.

I) We believe we should _____.

A. The Bible _____ us to.

And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint; (Luke 18:1)

Pray without ceasing. (1 Thessalonians 5:17)

B. The Lord _____ us to.

After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. (Matthew 6:9)

II) We expect our prayers to be _____.

A. We are a _____ of God.

For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God. (Romans 8:15-16)

B. God has _____ to answer our prayers.

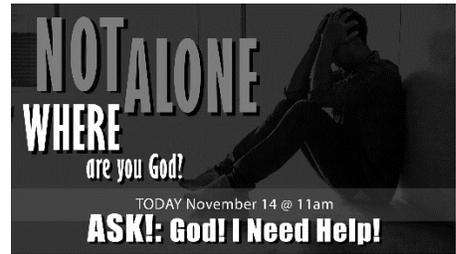
Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you; For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him? (Matthew 7:7-11)

C. We have _____ that God will answer our prayers.

Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. (Mark 11:24)

III) We become _____ to God the more we pray.

A. Our prayers show a _____ upon God.



And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong. (2 Corinthians 12:7-10)

B. Our prayers are _____ on the way up. Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. (Romans 8:26)

C. Our prayers teach us to _____ God. And there was a widow of that city; and she came unto him, saying, Avenge me of mine adversary. And he would not for a while: but afterward he said within himself, Though I fear not God, nor regard man; Yet because this widow troubleth me, I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me. (Luke 18:3-5)

Conclusion:

When we pray, our minds become focused and our spirits are calmed which allows us the opportunity to experience the very presence of God.

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