

**Dealing with Unanswered Prayer**  
**Series: Leveling the Praying Field**  
**January 19, 2020**

**Text: Luke 11:1, 11:6-10; 18:1-8**

**Why do we find it so difficult to pray?**

After giving His disciples some initial instructions about how to approach God, He tells a story that deals with our primary obstacle to praying: unanswered prayer.

Through these parables, Jesus teaches us four important things about how we should pray.

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*Apart from me you can do nothing.* John 15:5

2. \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus is essentially saying in these 2 parables, “*if this is how they came to a stingy friend and an un-righteous Judge, how much more boldly should you come to your Heavenly Father?*”

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And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart (don't give up)  
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4. \_\_\_\_\_

*Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion?* Luke 11:11-12

Sometimes God answers our prayers by giving us what we would have asked for if we knew what he knew.

*... no good thing does he withhold from those whose walk is blameless.* Psalm 84:11