



THE FRIEND AT MIDNIGHT

Luke 11: 5-10



Context/Background

- A parable about prayer
- Disciples were asking Jesus how to pray
- Jesus' first response is the iconic "Lord's Prayer"

Pointers and Cautions



This parable is about PRAYER and how WE should be praying.

4 Points

1. What's the need?
2. ASK! Make the request!
3. KEEP praying/KEEP begging
4. Accept God's answer

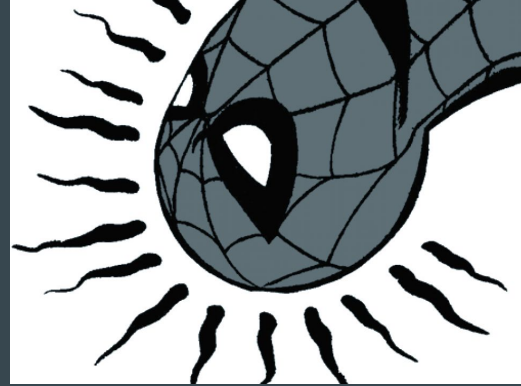
What's the need?

We must be aware that there is a need.

You can't pray for something if you don't even know what to pray for.

Holy Spirit

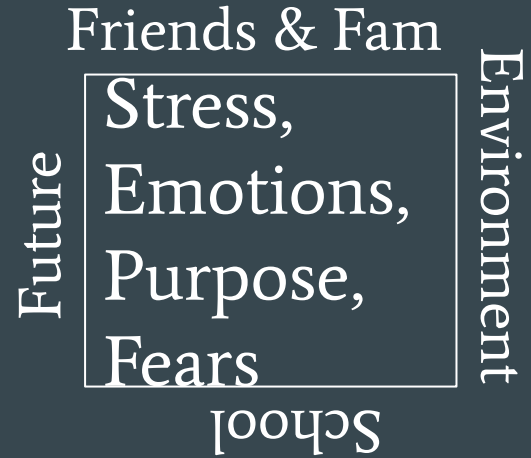
Self-Reflection



Awareness of surroundings

What's the need?

There are internal and external needs.
Physical and non-physical needs.



Don't be scared to share your prayer requests with others. The only thing you're risking is receiving blessings from God and support from your peers.

ASK! Make the request!

The host took action. What does that look like for us? Prayer - our communication with God.

When did he take action? RIGHT AWAY!

ASK! Make the request!

What is your first instinct when you're caught in a situation or need something?

Is God our first solution or last resort?

Side note:

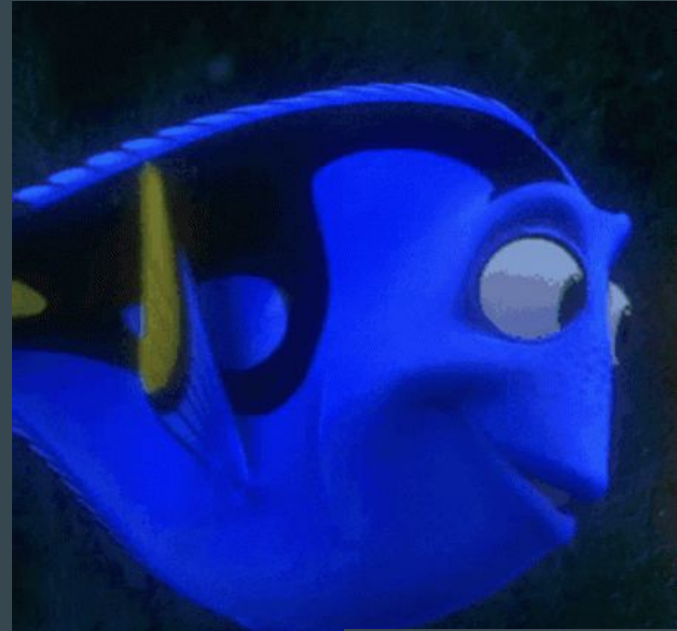
Prayer is powerful. GOD is powerful.

Do not belittle either of them.

KEEP praying/KEEP begging

The host kept asking for food for HIS GUEST, not himself

The host depended on his neighbor to give him bread, so he kept begging and begging until he received what he was looking for.



JUST KEEP Praying

Accept God's Answer

3 Answers God can give:

Maybe/Later

Yes

No

Accept God's Answer

3 Answers God can give:

Maybe/Later

We keep praying because “maybe” MAY BE answered in the future. He might just be testing your faith and dependence

We need to be listening as much as we are praying



Accept God's Answer

3 Answers God can give:

Yes

Thank Him! Give God the praise and glory He deserves if He gives you what you're asking for



Accept God's Answer

3 Answers God can give:

No

No ≠ maybe/later

No = no

Don't try forcing God to turn no into a yes



Accept God's Answer

3 Answers God can give:

No

Work outside God's will and you will only be getting subpar results

God knows what's best for you and has the best plans for you.



Accept God's Answer

3 Answers God can give:

No



Do not see “No” as a bad thing.



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