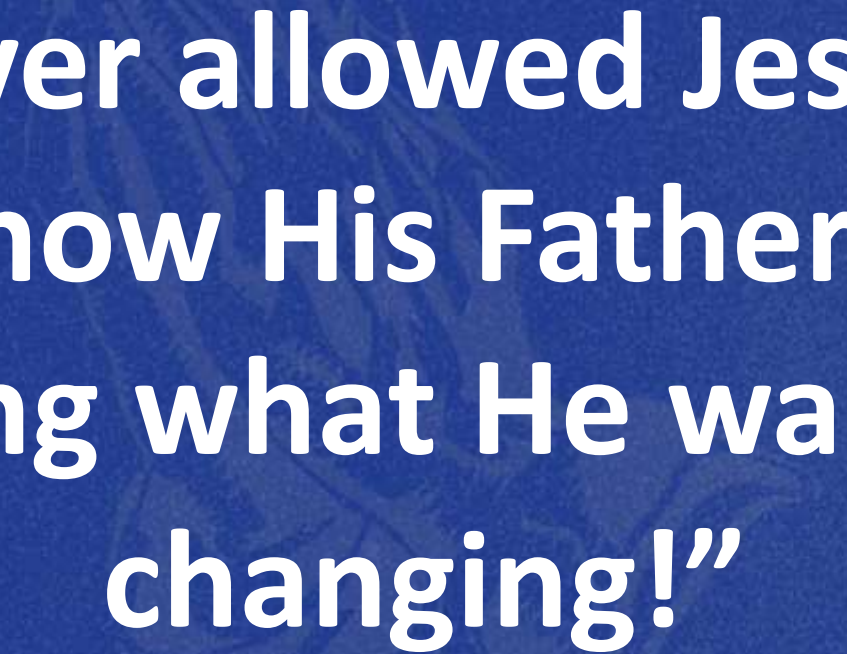


*Teach Us  
To Pray*

**The Key to Powerful Prayers!**



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    - “Draw near to God and He draws near to us!”  
**James 4.8**
    - “I certify that this gospel preached is not after man, for it didn’t come from man. I was taught this by the revelation of Jesus Christ!”  
**Galatians 1.11,12**

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    - “It is given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God!” **Luke 8.10**
    - “As ministers of Christ, we are stewards of the mysteries of God!” **1Corinthians 4.1**
    - “I can understand all mysteries... but without love, I am nothing!” **1Corinthians 13.2**

Jesus knew the mysteries of  
God, and the disciples knew He  
knew them because He drew  
near to God *with a prayer life  
that was different!*

# So, “Teach us to pray...”

- “Lord, teach us to pray, just like John taught his disciples to pray like him...” **Luke 11.1**
  - This wasn’t the first time they heard Him...
  - They had been w/Him long enough to know He was different than anyone else...
  - They had been sent out with power, along with seventy others, w/great results... **Luke 10.17**
  - And they knew that what made Him different was His closeness to God and God’s leading!

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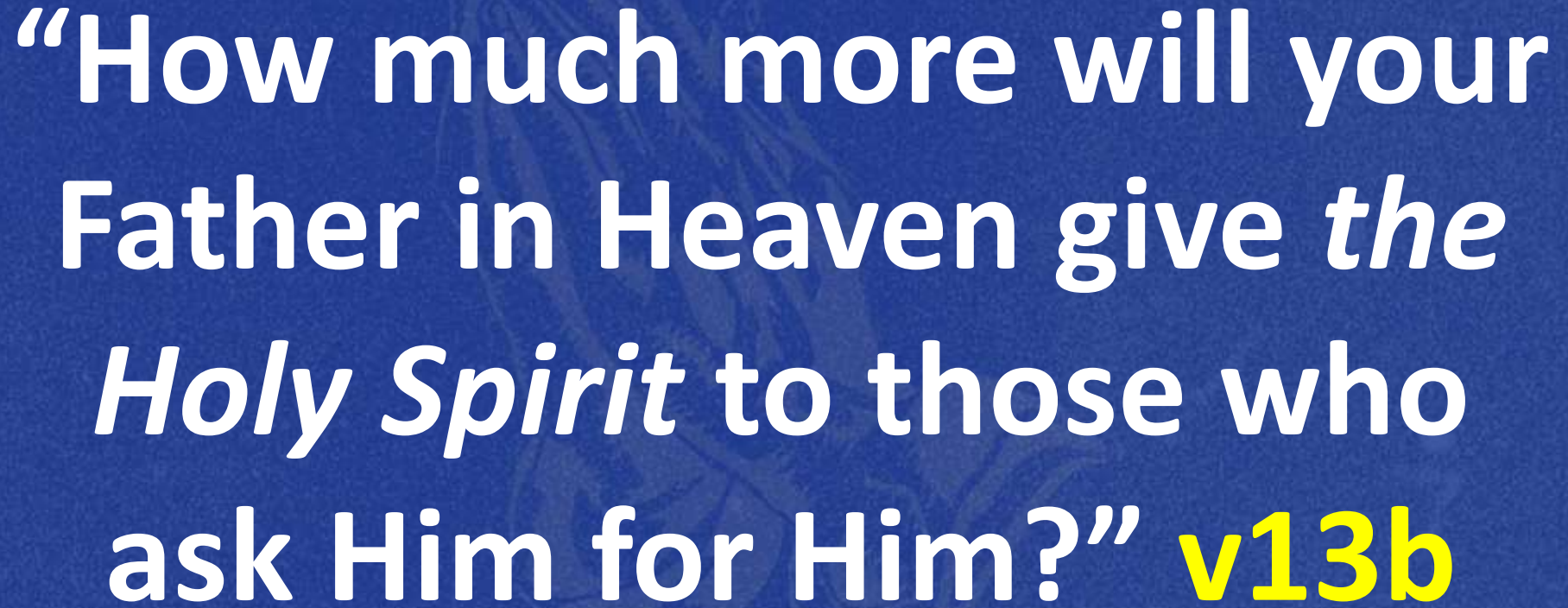
- Knowing His story the way we do, His prayer would have been very different than any they had heard before...
- His prayers weren't formal or formatted...
- He was personal and conversational; like a son with a Father, respectful and warm...
- And it seemed as though He talked to Him anywhere, anytime...
- No “REMINDERS” to pray needed!

# Luke 11.2-10

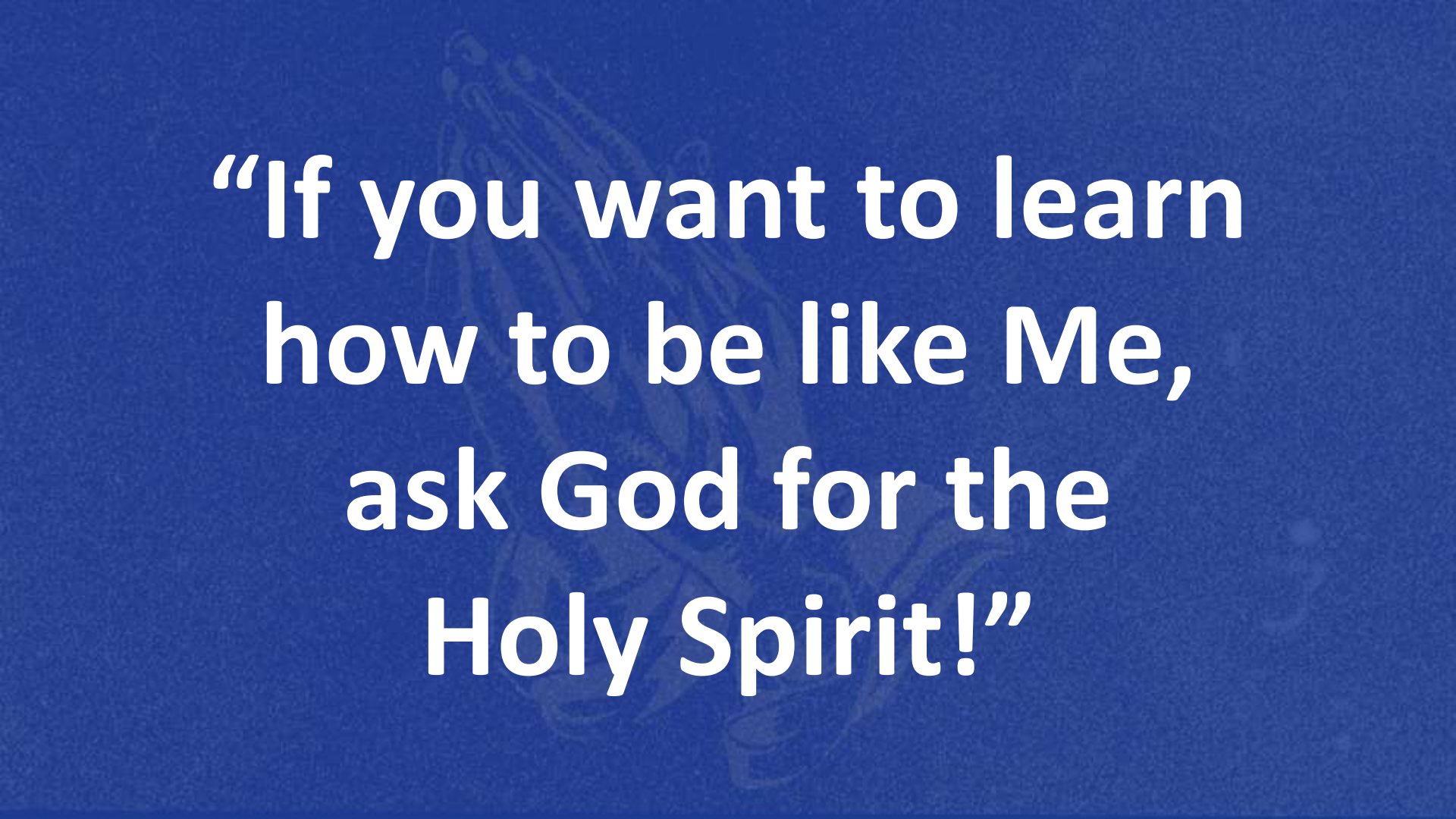
- Gives them a framework based on relationship to God as “our Father...” v2-4
- Then illustrates with a friendship-based image... v5-10
  - “Go to your friend at midnight; ask for bread...”
  - “Even if he doesn’t want to be very friendly, *just keep persisting*, he will come thru...”
  - “The *sincere* asker receives, the seeker finds, the one who knocks, gets the door open...”
  - “For *AS MUCH AS IS NEEDED!*”

## Luke 11.11-13a

- Then He comes back to answer their real question with a familial image...
  - *“You want My kind of power and results?”*
  - *“You want to make My kind of difference?”*
  - *“What Father among you, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? If he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you who are evil know how to give good gifts to your kids...*



“How much more will your  
Father in Heaven give *the  
Holy Spirit* to those who  
ask Him for Him?” **v13b**



**“If you want to learn  
how to be like Me,  
ask God for the  
Holy Spirit!”**

# The Holy Spirit...

- Jesus was about thirty years old when the Holy Spirit descended on Him... **(Luke 3.23)**
  - As the *fulfilment of righteousness/faithful*
  - As the *enlightenment of His heart/mind*
  - As the *anointing for ministry/works*
  - As *affirmation*: “This in My Son!”
- “Jesus received the Spirit, **John 1.32**; the beginning of miracles, **2.11**; received the Spirit without measure...” **John 3.34**

# The Holy Spirit...

- Assures us of our relationship
  - “We have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba Father. The Spirit Himself bearing witness with our spirit that we are the children of God!” **Romans 8.15,16**
- Distributes His gifts to/thru us to successfully carry out the ministry God has given us...
  - “All the gifts are the work of the One and same Spirit who distributes them to each one as He wills!” **1Corinthians 12.1-11**

# Jesus talks to His Disciples...

- “He commanded them to wait for the promise of the Father which you have heard from Me!” **Acts 1.4**
  - “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you and you will be My witnesses to the ends of the earth!” **v8**
- The Holy Spirit is the filled-full-ment of the righteous, and the resource of anointing for every good work!



**The key for disciples'  
being like Jesus  
is the Holy Spirit!**

## Jude 1.18-21

- “In the last times there will be scoffers who will follow after their own ungodly desires. These are the ones who cause divisions, who are worldly and devoid of the Spirit. But you beloved, build yourselves up in your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, keeping yourselves in the love of God as you await the mercy of the Lord to bring you eternal life!”

# The Holy Spirit!

- If He was an offer at work for double the money and power...WWYD?
- If He was that person you wanted to hang out with the rest of your life...WWYD?
- If He was the one special thing you wanted to acquire but just weren't there...WWYD?
- And if you were offered a gift beyond the measure of any price...WWYD?

**Ask (imp), and receive,  
seek (imp), and find,  
knock (imp), and watch  
the doors open to you!**