

Prayer walk

Part 1 - persistent

Luke 11:5-13

⁵ Then Jesus said to them, "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.' ⁷ And suppose the one inside answers, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.' ⁸ 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.

⁹ "So I say to you: 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.

¹¹ "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!"

1. What would you do if you were in bed that night?
2. Why does Jesus want us to image ourselves in that position? What is he trying to teach us?
3. In verse 8, what does it mean to pray shamelessly and audaciously?
4. Is there a line between being shameless and audacious and being rude?
5. What does it look like in prayer to 'ask', 'seek' and 'knock'?
6. How does the image of a parent providing for their child shape how we see prayer?
7. What are the applications of seeing prayer in a parenting relationship?
8. Why is prayer so important in the life of a Christian?