

## The Friend at Midnight

Luke 11:1-13 | Adam Bowers | 3/14/21

1. Does anyone have a story of a time they begged their parents or grandparents for something and eventually they gave in?

Our living is only as good as our praying. No Christian rises higher than his prayer life. No matter what problems we face, if we know how to pray, then God has the solution. All the great saints of God in the Bible, and in church history, were men and women of prayer. The early church got its spiritual power from prayer. If you and I can improve our prayer life, and the prayer life of our church, then we will see God work in wonderful ways. Warren W. Wiersbe

- 2. How does the man in the house in Luke 11 teach us about God? Is God stingy and waiting until we beg enough to give us what we want?
- 3. What is the "light and heavy" or "from lesser to greater" teaching method and how is it used here?

The parable does not invite rudeness in praying any more than it suggests that God is asleep. The parable does not teach that God is a friend, nor that a hearing is certain if we weary God through continual prayer. The parable addresses the implied question "Will God respond to prayer?" and argues as follows: "If among humans a request is granted even when or because it is rude, how much more will your heavenly Father respond to your requests?" Klyne Snodgrass

- 4. Why do you think Jesus taught His disciples to keep on praying if not to wear God down?
- 5. What does pursuing God with "brazen tenacity" look like to you? How will you pursue God this week?