

FAITH ALIVE

"...the righteous live by their faith."

(Habakkuk 2:4) (NRSV)

LUKE 11:1-13

PRAYER: DISCOVERY CHANNEL

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: 'Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation. ' "

Then he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and he goes to him at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, because a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have nothing to set before him.' "Then the one inside answers, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children are with me in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.' I tell you, though he will not get up and give him the bread because he is his friend, yet because of the man's boldness he will get up and give him as much as he needs. "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. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened. "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? 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!" (NIV)

1. We discover that our Father in Heaven, the Creator, desires TIME with us.
2. We discover that our Father CARES about human things.
Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. 1 Peter 5:7 (NIV)
3. We discover that in Prayer we can hear the VOICE of God.

God has a word for YOU!

Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.' "

1 Samuel 3:9 (NIV)

God has a word for the CHURCH.

...your kingdom come.

Luke 11:2 (NIV)

4. This parable teaches us three very significant things about prayer:

- a. We can come before God with **CONFIDENCE!**

Suppose one of you has a friend, and he goes to him at midnight...

Luke 11:5 (NIV)

Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Hebrews 4:16 (NIV)

- b. We can and should come before God **EXPECTING!**

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. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.

Luke 11:9-10 (NIV)

- c. Don't **GIVE-UP!**

I tell you, though he will not get up and give him the bread because he is his friend, yet because of the man's boldness he will get up and give him as much as he needs.

Luke 11:8 (NIV)