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Out Of The Question - Week 4

(Luke 11:5-13)

Asking Fathers - Luke 11:11-12

- Jesus takes natural love/protection for children and uses it to crush doubt about our Heavenly Father.
- We don't have to convince God to care about us...He already does.
- We don't have to wonder if He's listening...He's always been listening.

Asking, Seeking and Knocking - Luke 11:9

- Jesus isn't saying ask once and move on...it's to be continuous action.
- Our spiritual enemy's strategy is to persuade you to trade persistent faith for polite resignation.
- Keep asking and bringing your need before God's authority.
- Keep seeking so there is movement forward.
- Keep knocking with persistence at a closed door.

Asking, Seeking and Knocking in the Dark - Luke 11:5-8

- Shameless audacity, shameless persistence, unembarrassed boldness doesn't carry selfishness.
- God isn't aggravated by your persistence; He is inviting a persistent posture.
- Persistent prayer means we actually trust He can do it.
- God does not get overwhelmed.
- You aren't trying to twist God's arm; you are tuning your heart to Him.



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Asking, Seeking, and Knocking in Practice – Luke 11:10

- Jesus is not saying God gives you everything you want on your timetable.
- Jesus is not saying God never says “No.” - James 4:3
- Jesus is not saying persistent prayer is a formula to “Work the system.”
- Prayer is first and foremost a relationship of children speaking to the Father.
- God hears. God responds. God still works.
- If we keep bringing our heart to Him...He will not ignore us.
- A ‘No’ from God is not personal rejection, but is often redirection.
- Sometimes we are asking God for the sharp, shiny object that will cause pain.
- When God closes a door it’s often His protection, not His rejection.

Asking and Receiving the Presence of God - Luke 11:13

- The Holy Spirit is not a luxury upgrade for Christ-followers, but an essential gift.
- In the middle of a storm of anxiety, you want the Comforter in the boat with you.
- God’s greatest gift to you isn’t an object, it’s Himself with you.