

# KINGDOM LIFE

**OUTRAGEOUS HOPE  
FOR ORDINARY LIFE**

**“The Good Gift Giver”**

**Sunday, June 9, 2019**

**Matthew 7:7-11**

**A WORSHIP SERIES THROUGH  
JESUS' SERMON ON THE MOUNT**

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Ask...

Remember in the Lord's Prayer Jesus gave us 4 different prayer themes:

**Adoration:**

Praising God for  
Who He is

**Confession:**

Repenting for  
our self-worship

**Thanksgiving:**

Praising God for  
What He done

**Supplication:**

Asking God to  
intervene



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This is harder than it seems, because we don't really even know what we need. Remember last week...we are blind to ourselves and to God.



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The need under the need:  
What we truly want is not the things itself, but wholeness, fulfillment, satisfaction...heaven.  
And actually, what our hearts truly want...is HIM.

This is coming toward the end of the Sermon on the Mount, and we are starting to realize that living out the Gospel will require a true miracle...we can't do it on our own, so we are invited to ask for help.



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And then Jesus repeats himself...

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James 4:2b-3

You do not have, because you do  
not ask. <sup>3</sup> You ask and do not  
receive, because you ask wrongly,  
to spend it on your passions.





*CHOCOLATE / KID CLIP*

*“**ASK**, and it will be given to you”*

Romans 8:26

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.

But we often stop here...  
unloading our wish-list on Santa Jesus



**This child will not stop insisting**

***“SEEK, and you will find”***

Matthew 9:20-22

And behold, a woman who had suffered from a discharge of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his garment, <sup>21</sup> for she said to herself, “If I only touch his garment, I will be made well.” <sup>22</sup> Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And instantly (“permanently”) the woman was made well.



*“**SEEK**, and you will find”*

Jeremiah 29:13  
You will seek me  
and find me,  
when you seek me  
with all your heart.

Isaiah 55:6  
“Seek the LORD while  
he may be found;  
call upon him  
**while he is near**”



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Relational, seeking HIM not just what He can give.

Do you want God,  
or what God can give you?  
How would you feel if that's  
how you were treated?



## ***"KNOCK, and it will be opened to you"***

Luke 11:5-8

And (Jesus) said to them, "Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves, <sup>6</sup> for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; <sup>7</sup> and he will answer from within, 'Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything'? <sup>8</sup> I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence (persistence) he will rise and give him whatever he needs.

- Perpetually
- Passionately
- Shamelessly

“Prayer...is a burning pursuit of God.  
This asking is an asking for the virtues Jesus has just expounded;  
this seeking is a seeking for God;  
this knocking is a knocking at Heaven’s throne room.”  
– D.A. Carson

Mark 9:24

Immediately the father of the child cried  
out and said, “I believe; help my unbelief!”



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Good Father  
Good Gifts

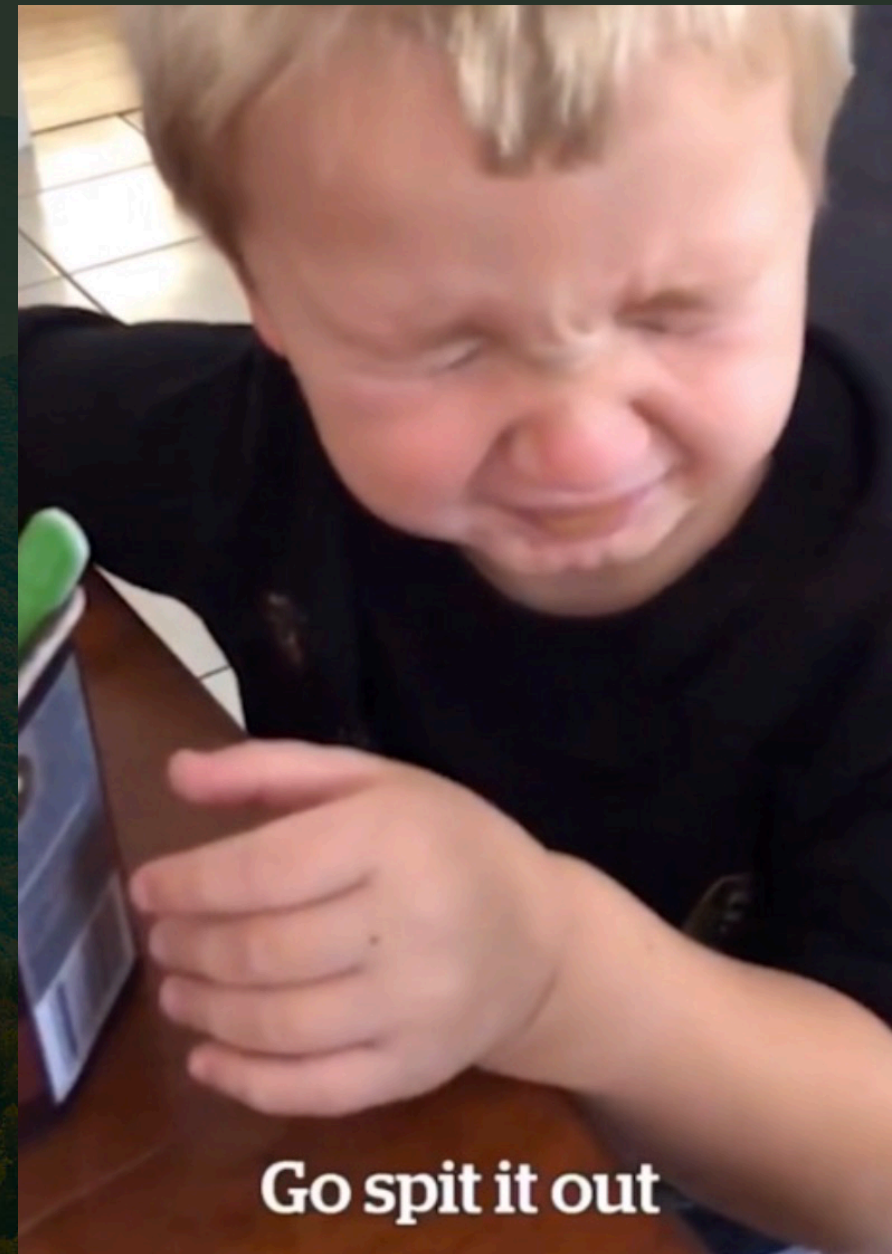
“...our prayers depend on no merit of our own, but all their worth and hope of success are founded and depend on the promises of God.”  
John Calvin



“We must not think that he takes no notice of us, when he does not answer our wishes: for he has a right to distinguish what we actually need.”  
- John Calvin

## Rocks and Snakes

How do you deal with a silent God?  
Or getting a “no” to a really important prayer?



## How we can be sure God's answers are Good

### Matthew 26:38

Then he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me." <sup>39</sup> And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will."



# How we can be sure God's answers are Good

Romans 8:31-32

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?



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### Hebrews 4:16

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

