



If I Pray with Enough Faith God Will Answer

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Passages that we'll cover today...

Jesus told them. "I tell you the truth, if you had faith even as small as a mustard seed, you could say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it would move. Nothing would be impossible." –Jesus, Matthew 17:20

Pray without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 5:17

One day Jesus told his disciples a story to show that they should always pray and never give up.

"There was a judge in a certain city," he said, "who neither feared God nor cared about people. A widow of that city came to him repeatedly, saying, 'Give me justice in this dispute with my enemy.' The judge ignored her for a while, but finally he said to himself, 'I don't fear God or care about people, but this woman is driving me crazy. I'm going to see that she gets justice, because she is wearing me out with her constant requests!'" –Jesus, Luke 18:1-5 (NLT)

Then, teaching them more about prayer, he [Jesus] used this story: "Suppose you went to a friend's house at midnight, wanting to borrow three loaves of bread. You say to him, 'A friend of mine has just arrived for a visit, and I have nothing for him to eat.' And suppose he calls out from his bedroom, 'Don't bother me. The door is locked for the night, and my family and I are all in bed. I can't help you.' But I tell you this—though he won't do it for friendship's sake, if you keep knocking long enough, he will get up and give you whatever you need because of your shameless persistence." –Jesus, Luke 11:5-8 (NLT).

"Your father knows what you need before you ask." –Jesus, Matthew 6:8

Prayer is my heart reaching out to God's heart

For your LifeGroup and personal growth...

If you could 'rate' your prayer life from 1-10, what would it be?

If God knows what I need, why should I even bother to pray?

How can the question, "Does prayer really work?" lead us astray?

Look at the two parables on the other page. Why can they be confusion regarding prayer? Can you see another way to look at them?

Read 1 Corinthians 1:10-16, and Romans 8:26-27. How does this relate to prayer?