

**The Friend at Night**  
Parables – Part 1 of 8  
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Parable – Using a natural object or human circumstance to convey a spiritual or moral subject.

**3 Reasons for Parables**

1. To convey truth in a more interesting manner to the mind
2. To teach a spiritual truth so as to arrest the attention of people who don't already believe the truth, making an appeal to them through the "senses"
3. To convey offensive truth, some pointed personal rebuke.

Luke 11:5-8

5 And he 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, 6 for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; 7 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'? 8 I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. ESV

Luke 11:1

11 Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." ESV

**The Question: Lord, teach us to pray. (Luke 11:1)**

**Jesus teaches his followers to pray by...**

- **Giving them a Model Prayer** (Luke 11:2-4)

Luke 11:2-4

2 And he said to them, "When you pray, say:

"Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

3 Give us each day our daily bread,

4 and forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us.

And lead us not into temptation." ESV

Matthew 6:9-13

9 Pray then like this:

"Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name. 10 Your kingdom come,

your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

11 Give us this day our daily bread, 12 and forgive us our debts,

as we also have forgiven our debtors.

13 And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil. ESV

<p><b>Luke 11:2-4</b></p> <p><b>2</b> And he said to them, "When you pray, say:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">"Father, hallowed be your name.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Your kingdom come.</p> <p><b>3</b> Give us each day our daily bread,</p> <p><b>4</b> and forgive us our sins,</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">And lead us not into temptation."</p> <p>ESV</p>	<p><b>Matthew 6:9-13</b></p> <p><b>9</b> Pray then like this:</p> <p>"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.</p> <p><b>10</b> Your kingdom come,</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.</p> <p><b>11</b> Give us this day our daily bread,<sup>12</sup> and forgive us our debts,</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">as we also have forgiven our debtors.</p> <p><b>13</b> And lead us not into temptation,</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">but deliver us from evil.</p> <p>ESV</p>
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**Is there a part of this model that you don't pray to God very often?**

- **Telling them The Friend at Night Parable** (Luke 11:5-8)

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Luke 11:9-10

9 And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 10 For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. ESV

- **Urging them to persevere in prayer** (Luke 11:9-10)

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Seek, and you will find

Knock, and it will be opened to you

For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.

- **Pointing them to the Father.** (Luke 11:11-13)

Luke 11:11-13

11 What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; 12 or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? 13 If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!" ESV

Romans 8:28

28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. NIV 1984

Isaiah 41:10

10 So do not fear, for I am with you;

do not be dismayed, for I am your God.

I will strengthen you and help you;

I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. NIV 1984

**Ask, Seek, Knock, and Trust in the Father with the outcome.**

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**Father, hallowed be your name.**

**Your kingdom come.**

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and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us.

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**My Next Step today is to...**

- ☐ Pray and ask God to reveal himself to me.
- ☐ Pray using the Model Jesus gave us 3 times this week.
- ☐ Pray boldly for \_\_\_\_\_.