

Sermon Notes:

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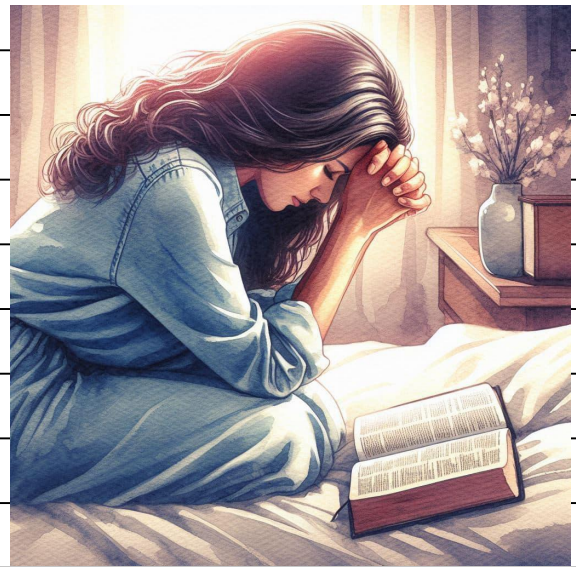
Sermon Title: Caught Praying

Verses:

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."
Luke 11:1-4 NIV

"How much prayer meant to Jesus! It was not only His regular habit, but His resort in every emergency, however slight or serious. When perplexed He prayed. When hard pressed by work He prayed. When hungry for fellowship He found it in prayer. He chose His associates and received His messages upon His knees. If tempted, He prayed. If criticized, He prayed. If fatigued in body or wearied in spirit, He had recourse to His one unyielding habit of prayer. Prayer brought Him unmeasured power at the beginning, and kept the flow unbroken and undiminished. There was no emergency, no difficulty, no necessity, no temptation that would not yield to prayer, as He practiced it...He prayed so much and often that it became to Him like breathing ~ involuntary."

Lord, teach us to pray

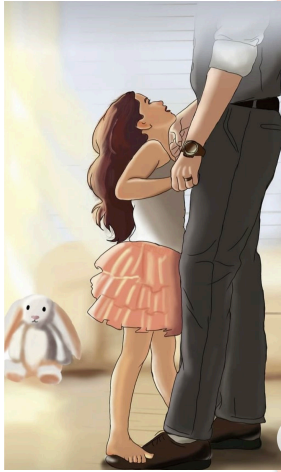


In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. Romans 8:26

You do not have
because you do
not ask God.
James 4:2

Grace gives us followers of Christ the chance to address the true God of the universe as Father!

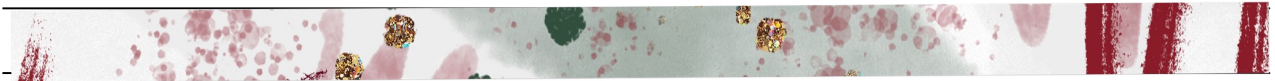
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The first point in Jesus' lesson plan is that prayer is just like a family conversation, a child addressing a loving parent. "Father..."

**This is a miracle!
God listening to us!!**

The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are attentive to their cry.
Psalms 34:15



For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil. 1 Peter 3:12

"The Church can't compete with the world in the realms of entertainment and events; stop trying. What makes us unique is the power of the Holy Spirit; start praying."
~ Brian L. Powell

Feeling irrelevant?

The thing I love about prayer is...it goes where people can't. ...straight to the throne room of our Father.

Daily Application:

Commitment: "Lord, I commit to be taught. Teach me to pray..."

Benediction: "We need never shout across the spaces to an absent God. He is nearer than our own soul, closer than our most secret thoughts." ~ A.W. Tozer