

## PERSISTANT PRAYERS

In this passage, Jesus Christ tells a story about a man who asks his friend for bread at midnight because he has nothing to give a guest. Even though the friend first refuses because it is late, he eventually helps because the man keeps asking. Jesus uses this story to teach that we should keep praying and trusting God. Persistent prayer means continuing to pray and trust God without giving up. We should believe that God will give us what we need. Just like a loving parent gives good things to their child, our Heavenly Father gives what is truly best for us. Jesus also teaches that the greatest gift God gives His children is the Holy Spirit, who guides, strengthens, comforts, and helps us.

## FATHER KNOWS BEST

God promises to hear and respond when we pray, but not always in the exact way we ask. Jesus tells us to ask, seek, and knock. When we do this, Jesus promises us that our Father will give good gifts, not simply whatever we want. Sometimes a good Father says yes, wait, no, or I have something different. The promise is God's goodness, not that every request will be fulfilled exactly as we asked.

### WHEN GOD SAYS WAIT

In Genesis 17:15-19 and Genesis 21:1-3, God promised Abraham and Sarah a son, but they had to wait many years.

**What did they receive after waiting a long time?**

### WHEN GOD SAYS SOMETHING DIFFERENT

In 2 Corinthians 12:7-9, The Apostle Paul asked God to remove the "thorn in his flesh."

**Did God remove the thing Paul wanted gone? What did God give Paul instead?**

## THINK ABOUT IT?

Why can we trust God's answers even when they are different from what we asked?