

LUKE 11.1-13

LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY

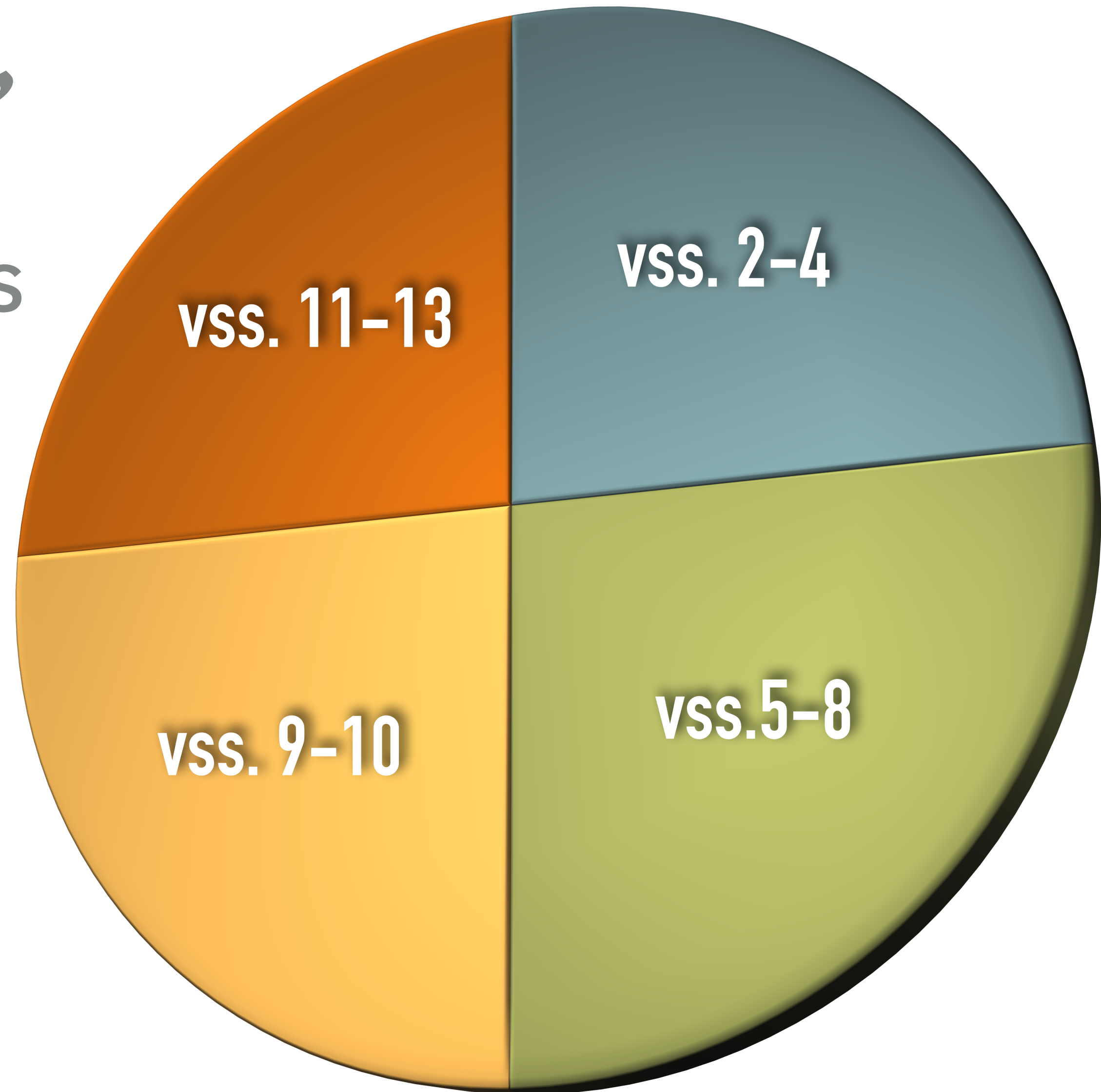
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*One day Jesus was praying in a certain place.
When he finished, one of his disciples said to him,
“Lord, teach us to pray,
just as John taught his disciples.”*

— Luke 11.1

“Teach us to pray”

Jesus responded to this request by teaching four dimensions of prayer to his disciples.



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He said to them, “When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be Your name,

Your kingdom come.

Give us each day our bread.

Forgive us our sins,

for we also forgive everyone who sins against us.

And lead us not into temptation.”

– Luke 11.2-4

A PARADIGM FOR PRAYER—

paradigm: an outstandingly clear or typical example or archetype

archetype: the original pattern or model of which all things of the same type are representations or copies

This is a simple pattern for prayer; but remember: behind every word Jesus speaks, there is infinite depth.

A PARADIGM FOR PRAYER—

- ▶ Relationship - *"Father"*
- ▶ Esteem - *"hallowed be Your name"*
- ▶ Shared values - *"Your kingdom come"*
- ▶ Dependency - *"Give us each day our daily bread"*
- ▶ Justice - *"Forgive us as we forgive"*
- ▶ Christlikeness - *"And lead us not into temptation"*

IMPETUS FOR PRAYER—

impetus: force that makes something happen

- ▶ Concern enough to shamelessly ask
- ▶ Knowing I have a friend who has more than enough for my friend's need

PERSISTENCE IN PRAYER—

- ▶ *"Ask and keep on asking"*
- ▶ *"Seek and keep on seeking"*
- ▶ *"Knock and keep on knocking"*

If a father gives his children everything they want, when they want it, what will happen to the development of their character?

PRIORITY IN PRAYER—

“If your little boy asks for a serving of fish, do you scare him with a live snake on his plate? If your little girl asks for an egg, do you trick her with a spider? As bad as you are, you wouldn't think of such a thing - you're at least decent to your own children. And don't you think the Father who conceived you in love will give the Holy Spirit when you ask him?”

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