

# THE PARABLE OF THE FRIEND AT MIDNIGHT

Luke 11:5-8

## CONTEXT OF THE PARABLE

The context of what Jesus is saying immediately follows a time where the disciples witnessed Jesus praying. One of the disciples asked Jesus to teach them to pray. Luke 11:1-13 is Jesus' answer to this question!

WHAT IS CLEAR? (Be careful of assigning meaning that is unintended)!

Friend = God

A request/ petition is being made

God answers the prayer because of the man's boldness and persistence.

## THE POINT OF THE PARABLE

Be bold and persistent in Prayer!! If we pray little, it is probably because we do not really believe that prayer accomplishes much at all. We have confidence to enter the throne of grace through Jesus!

Hebrews 4:14-16

James 4:1-6

Luke 18:1-8

Eph. 6:18

1 Thes 5:17

## WHAT ABOUT UNANSWERED PRAYERS?

- We do not always pray according to God's will (James 4:3).
- We do not always ask in faith (James 1:6-8)
- We think our plan is better, but God has other ideas. (Luke 22:42, 2 Cor. 12:8-9)