

WHAT'S YOUR TIPPING POINT?

DAY 4 Read Luke 11:11-13 focusing on the Father Heart of God.

How well do you relate with this section about being a parent? Share an example from your family life. If you really get this as a parent, what do you need to get about God here? Jesus goes from fish & eggs for your kids to getting the Holy Spirit – what's the connection? Pray for God's Good Gifts.

DAY 5 Read Luke 18:1-8 focusing on The Persistent Widow's Prayer.

This is another parable later in Luke that emphasizes persistence – how is it similar and different? What's your main takeaway from this parable? What does it add to the previous one for you? Pray for Jesus to come back and find you and His Church faithful!



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Part 2

5.22.22

“Parable of the Persistent Prayer” Luke 11:1-13

The *Tipping Point*...

“...Jesus told them. “I tell you the truth, if you had faith even as small as a mustard seed, you could say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it would move. Nothing would be impossible.”

Matt.17:20 NLT

The Parable in Context...

“Once Jesus was in a certain place praying. As he finished, one of his disciples came to him and said, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.” Jesus said, “This is how you should pray: “Father, may your name be kept holy. May your Kingdom come soon. Give us each day the food we need, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And don’t let us yield to temptation.”

Luke 11:1-4 NLT

The Parable...

“Then, teaching them more about prayer, he used this story: “Suppose you went to a friend’s house at midnight, wanting to borrow three loaves of bread. You say to him, ‘A friend of mine has just arrived for a visit, and I have nothing for him to eat.’ And suppose he calls out from his bedroom, ‘Don’t bother me. The door is locked for the night, and

my family and I are all in bed. I can't help you.' But I tell you this— though he won't do it for friendship's sake, if you keep knocking long enough, he will get up and give you whatever you need because of your shameless persistence. And so I tell you, keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. You fathers—if your children ask for a fish, do you give them a snake instead? Or if they ask for an egg, do you give them a scorpion? Of course not! So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him."

Luke 11:5-13 NLT

The Key Point that will *Tip* Your Prayer Life

1. Keep Praying to God Who Never Sleeps.
2. Keep Praying to God as your Father & Friend.
3. Keep Praying in God's Will.
4. Keep Praying and Never Give Up!

Disturb Us, Lord by Sir Francis Drake

*Disturb us, Lord, when we are too pleased with ourselves,
When our dreams have come true because we dreamed too little,
When we arrived safely because we sailed too close to the shore.*

*Disturb us, Lord, when with the abundance of things we possess,
We have lost our thirst for the waters of life; Having fallen in love with life,
We have ceased to dream of eternity. And in our efforts to build a new earth,
We have allowed our vision of the new Heaven to dim.*

*Disturb us, Lord, to dare more boldly, to venture on wilder seas,
Where storms will show Your mastery; Where losing sight of land, we shall find
the stars. We ask you to push back the horizons of our hopes; And to push
back the future in strength, courage, hope, and love.*

This we ask in the name of our Captain, Who is Jesus Christ.

DAILY LIFE GROUP GUIDE _____ **May 23-28, 2022**

Use *this* guide this week to help you spend time with God every day. As you go through the daily devotional, reflect on His Word and pray specifically for God to guide your steps each day. Take one day at a time - Read, Reflect, and Record your answers. Spend time in prayer for God's guidance. Share your thoughts & action steps with your LifeGroup. We are Better Together!

DAY 1 Read Luke 11:1-4 focusing on Jesus Modeling/Mentoring Prayer.

Try to imagine being that one disciple who saw Jesus praying and asked him to teach you to pray – what did you see in Jesus and learn from Him about prayer? What is your take on what He told you to pray – was it a prayer to repeat daily or was it more of a pattern for your prayers? Explain. How would you rate your daily prayer life and what would take it to the next level? Pray.

DAY 2 Read Luke 11:5-8 focusing on the Parable Itself.

As someone listening to Jesus tell this Parable, how do you personally relate to this story – how does it make sense to you? If persistence is the “tipping point” that gets the help needed, what does this tell you about your own prayer life right now? Finish the sentence: In order for me to become more persistent in my prayer life, I would need to _____. Now make it your prayer.

DAY 3 Read Luke 11:9-10 focusing on The Main Point of the Parable.

The main point of this parable for me right now is _____.
The Promise from God that I am claiming today is _____.
The personal prayers that I need to be more persistent with right now involve _____. Pray. →