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Sermon Title:

Livin' on a Prayer
Matthew 7:7-11

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Big Idea - Believe and Beg

1. Jesus Begs Us To Pray (7:7-8)
2. Jesus Bolsters Us To Believe (7:9-11)

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Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him! - Matthew 7:7-11

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

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1. Jesus Begs Us To Pray (vs.7-8)

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“Those who would be rich in grace must take up the poor trade of begging, and they shall find it a thriving trade.” - Matthew Henry

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“Prayer feels like a superfluous activity of superstitious people.” - Henri Nouwen

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Jesus Bolsters Us To Believe (vs.9-11)

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vs.9-10 Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent?

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v.11 If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

SERMON DESCRIPTION

We're passive and pessimistic prayers, and we often don't know why. If we truly believe there's power in prayer, then why don't we pray more? Why do we struggle? In today's passage, Jesus practically begs us to pray and shows us that life is best lived in constant communication with our Heavenly Father. Jesus also addresses the core obstacle that keeps us from a faith-filled, courageous life of prayer.