Parables Lesson 17 Handout

Luke 18:1 Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. 2 He said: “In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared about men. 3 And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, ‘Grant me justice against my adversary.’ 4 “For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, ‘Even though I don’t fear God or care about men, 5 yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won’t eventually wear me out with her coming!’ ” 6 And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. 7 And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? 8 I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?”

1 Now it came to pass, as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, that one of His disciples said to Him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.” 2 So He said to them, “When you pray, say: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven. 3 Give us day by day our daily bread. 4 And forgive us our sins, For we also forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one.” 5 And He said to them, “Which of you shall have a friend, and go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves;
6 for a friend of mine has come to me on his journey, and I have nothing to set before him; 7 and he will answer from within and say, 'Do not trouble me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give to you'? 8 I say to you, though he will not rise and give to him because he is his friend, yet because of his persistence he will rise and give him as many as he needs. 9 “So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 10 For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. 11 If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? 12 Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? 13 If you then, being evil, 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!”

Philippians 4:6–7 6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;

1 Thessalonians 5:17 17 pray without ceasing,

Psalm 88:13 13 O LORD, I cry out to you. I will keep on pleading day by day.

Hello my name is Max. I’m a recovering prayer wimp. I doze off when I pray. My thoughts zig, then zag, then zig again. Distractions swarm like gnats on a summer night. If attention deficit disorder applies to prayer, I am
afflicted. When I pray, I think of a thousand things I need to do. I forget the one thing I set out to do: pray.

Some people excel in prayer. They inhale heaven and exhale God. They are the SEAL team Six of intercession. They would rather pray than sleep. Why is it that I sleep when I pray?

Even our prayer life changes

I am able.

God is able.

Does my prayer align with God’s Kingdom?

God is taking that time to change your heart and show you what really matters.

How badly do I want it?

It apparently isn’t that important to us.

How we can be used by God REGARDLESS if our prayers are answered how we want or not.
Matthew 26
50 But Jesus said to him, “Friend, why have you come?”
Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and took Him.
51 And suddenly, one of those who were with Jesus
stretched out his hand and drew his sword, struck the
servant of the high priest, and cut off his ear.
52 But Jesus said to him, “Put your sword in its place, for
all who take the sword will perish by the sword.

53 Or do you think that I cannot now pray to My Father,
and He will provide Me with more than twelve legions of
angels?

Because He was Kingdom minded.
Luke 11:1 Now it came to pass, as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, that one of His disciples said to Him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.”

Luke 11:2 So He said to them, “When you pray, say: Our Father in heaven,

No matter what you are going through: I’ve got this – trust Me.

THE STORM WAS BAD BUT THE PILOT WAS GOOD.

Our job is to represent Him on this earth through the chaos.

EVERYTHING CHANGES WHEN YOU KNOW THE PILOT.

Hallowed be Your name.
A lot of times we don’t know what HE wants.

The key to prayer.

Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven.

Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven.

Sometimes what we want is not what God wants.

God I have no idea what YOU want so please do whatever is YOUR will.
Matthew 26:39 And He went a little beyond them, and fell on His face and prayed, saying, “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me... Matthew 26: 44 And He left them again, and went away and prayed a third time, saying the same thing once more.

3 Give us day by day our daily bread.