

**First Southern Baptist Church - 1-19-22w**  
**Shameless Praying - Luke 11:5-13**

**Introduction:**

1. “Pray Like This” - but with Holy Spirit intercession
2. In context:
  - pray like this (at Mt 6 as well)
  - at Mt 6 “for thine is the kingdom” -
  - why the difference? - taught prayer - how to twice
  - Lord’s Prayer
  - illustration here
3. Relevance - when prayers are unanswered or slow

**1. The Shameless Friend**

- A. Unexpected guest:
- comes late at night
  - common to travel at night
  - kids are down and animals are inside
  - culture was courteous - demanded you rise and help
  - Problem? - it’s late
- At night:
- worry more
  - depressed/ depression seems heavier
  - trials seem to pile up
- Scary becomes scarier  
Heavy becomes heavier  
Worries become more real
- B. Settled in:
- feel safe
  - abruptly awaken
  - He does what is required - gets up and helps
  - now, must get food goes to his neighbor
  - and begins to knock, and knock, and knock

**2. Prayer as Pestering?**

- A. Have you ever been pestered?
- By kids -mom, mom, mom...
  - By wives - nagging -husbands smother, parents hover
  - By sales people
  - By telephone sales people
  - By parents
  - By bill collectors
  - This man keeps knocking
    - is prayer then, pestering God?
    - not a high view
- B. You say... Whatever happened to “thy will be done”

!!). Is it okay to pester God? -yes  
Same scripture that teaches us to pray for His will encourages us to keep on  
Didn't Jesus teach us not to use many words? - yes but, He was saying don't be like the Pharisees

1) Prayer in public

2) Prayer with vain repetitions - go to your closet...

D. Prayer that "pleads"

Charles Hadden Spurgeon - "pleading"

Prayer that asks again and again

Prayer that uses scripture and boldly comes to the throne again and again like a lawyer

We used to say:

-pray through

-prayer that holds onto the horns of the altar and will not let go

-casts itself shamelessly at the feet of God

In the Old Testament Jacob wrestles with God all night - "I will not turn you loose until you bless me"

E. How different are our prayers:

-a little poem

-a little meditation

-a little "say" a prayer

-a lighting of a candle

-a touch of a prayer cloth

-don't have time to pray

Have to ask you - how earnest is a prayer that is only uttered once?

-it is earnest, fervent passionate prayer that avails much

-prayer that weeps before God

-prayer that is so intense that it fasts

### 3. The Comparison

A. A Bothered neighbor

God, My Father

-the pestered neighbor gets up and answers

-why? He's being pestered

-by contrast... you have a Father who loves you and is glad to hear from you

B. The idea? - if that neighbor will help - How much more...

-if God takes care of sparrows -how much more

-if God clothes the lilies -how much more

-if a neighbor would get up - how much more your heavenly father

C. Idea? - He is NOT like a pestered neighbor

D. Wants us to see God as a Good Father - ready to answer

He may delay - but He is always on time

Tells us what to do when God doesn't answer - keep on praying!

What is the general idea?

#### 4. The Aim of the Parable

A. An encouragement to pray

- 1) Not just a little thought
  - 2) But continuous - Ask, Seek, Knock
- We give up quickly, we quit too soon-  
Humbling to pray

-even more humbling to pray and wait

B. So... pray long -which raises the questions - How long?

1) Elijah prayed - James 5:17

-used as an example of prayer

-one occasion at 1 Kings 17:17-24 - a child had died

-prayed, went away

-prayed, went away

-prayed, went away

Her child is alive!

James 5:17 refers to -told Ahab it will not rain

3 ½ years it did not rain

Later, He asked God for it to rain

-seven times he sends a servant to go and see

-1,2,3,4,5,6, - 7 - a “little cloud”

2) Jacob wrestled with God - all night

I will not let you go until you bless me

3) Daniel prayed

-great revelations - dreams

-able to be secure in the lion’s den

-awesome prophecies

Daniel prayed - 3 times every day

4) Jesus prayed

-prayed all night before disciples

-prayed regularly in morning

-frequently withdrew to pray

-40 days in the wilderness

-prayed about God’s will

-prayed at the Mount of Olives

-John 17 - entire chapter is Jesus’ prayer

-prayer at Gethsemane - in agony with blood -alone

C. God is Not a pestered neighbor, He is My Father

Disclaimer - some did not have a good father

-or, he was not the dad you wanted, you needed

He IS the Father you never had

-not a stranger - a god out there

-not a neighbor - who can be pestered, would be annoyed

He is a Father -

But not just any Father

A good dad who really cares

A Father - but not just any father

He is my father  
As you approach the door of prayer - may approach with confidence, you have a Father  
on the other side  
-can keep on, because you have a Father  
He is My Father

But that same God is Good Shepherd  
-tenderly caring for sheep  
-green fields  
-still waters  
-protection  
-through the dark valleys  
A shepherd who knows every hair  
A shepherd who cares so much he leaves the 99

In the bible God is a loving Father  
-see him waiting patiently for the prodigal  
-waiting patiently  
-watches over his family  
A father - who wants relationship with us - actually pursues us  
-reaches out and gives even His son