



Luke
11:5-13

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⁵ Then Jesus said to them, “Suppose one of you went to your friend’s house at midnight and said to him, ‘Friend, loan me three loaves of bread. ⁶ A friend of mine has come into town to visit me, but I have nothing for him to eat.’ ⁷ Your friend inside the house answers, ‘Don’t bother me! The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything.’ ⁸ I tell you, if friendship is not enough to make him get up to give you the bread, your boldness will make him get up and give you whatever you need. ⁹ So I tell you, ask, and God will give to you. Search, and you will find. Knock, and the door will open for you. ¹⁰ Yes, everyone who asks will receive. The one who searches will find. And everyone who knocks will have the door opened. ¹¹ If your children ask for a fish, which of you would give them a snake instead? ¹² Or, if your children ask for an egg, would you give them a scorpion? ¹³ Even though you are bad, you know how to give good things to your children. How much more your heavenly Father will give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

Seeking the Source.



SERMON NOTES

∞ FAITH CATALYST III ∞

*“Faith is not belief without proof,
but trust without reservations.”* Elton Trueblood

Faith Catalyst #1: Practical Bible Teaching

Faith Catalyst #2: Providential Relationship

Faith Catalyst #3: Private Disciplines

OWNERSHIP – because it’s personal

DESIRE – because it’s fulfilling

DILIGENCE – because it’s growth

Faith Catalyst #4: Personal Ministry

Compelling Need – How could I say “no”?

Courageous Response – building trust

“And I never felt so dependent upon God in my life.”

SACRED JOURNEY

Why did God call Abraham?

After humanity fell in the Garden of Eden and entered into rebellion, God began to unfold a plan of redemption. It involved two key features.

First, God called a people to himself, entered into a covenant with them, and revealed his righteousness to the. The purpose of the covenant was to enter into a committed relationship with people and reveal his faithful love. The Fall is rooted in broken relationships. A covenant is, in contrast, a relationship which is steadfast. Even in the midst of a sinful world, all of us long for those who are committed to us to be faithful. We long for relationships to not be broken. We long for people to keep their promises. God shows us how this can be done. In fact, even when the people of God broke the covenant and sinned against God, he remained steadfast, faithful and true.

Second, even though God began with one people, he revealed to that people his wider saving purposes and his desire to bless all the people and nations of the world. Abraham was an idolater who lived in central Asia. He did not know God or his saving purposes. God revealed himself to Abraham and entered into a covenant relationship with him. This covenant was renewed with Abraham's son Isaac and his grandson Jacob, who was the father of the twelve tribes of Israel. This is why we refer to the Jews as God's "chosen people." In the covenant, however, repeated numerous times, God makes a three-fold promise to Abraham and his offspring. **First**, he promises to personally bless him with numerous decedents. He promises to multiply Israel and make them as numerous as the stars in the sky or the sands on the seashore. **Second**, he promises to bless Abraham's descendants and make them into a great nation. **Finally** he promises that through Abraham and his offspring, he will bless every nation in the world. Eventually it becomes clear that his global blessing is made possible through one particular offspring of Abraham, namely Jesus Christ (see Matthew 1:17)

"Faith is living in confidence, trusting that what we believe will actually come to pass; it gives us assurance about things we cannot yet see." Hebrews 11:1

"Do not let your happiness depend on something you may lose... only [upon] the Beloved who will never pass away." — C. S. Lewis

Private Disciplines – someone taught you to be alone, pray and grow in your way on your time. To become mature and take ownership. Journal, fast, read, reflect, ruminate, And then I started to go You just need to start talking to God! Taught you to read, pray, and grow and begin to see fruit in yourself. Faith Got Bigger. Cheerful Giver, giving on a regular basis you begin to do on your own. **Ownership, self-feeding, Maturing. Personal Revelations**

Personal Ministry – And then they asked me to teach, volunteer, mission trip, read, and pray and I couldn't believe what a difference it made in my life. Scared to death, you learn to pray in your own words and you feel so depended on God in my life. Scared, overwhelmed and unqualified, over our heads and the only possibilities is to depend on God.

"I've never felt so dependent upon God in my life." God says, YES!