

# Talk to Your Boss

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*Prayer is a 2-way CONVERSATION  
between You and God.*

## Luke 5

<sup>16</sup> But Jesus often withdrew to the wilderness for prayer.

## John 5

<sup>19-20</sup> So Jesus explained, “I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself. He does only what he sees the Father doing. Whatever the Father does, the Son also does. For the Father loves the Son and shows him everything he is doing.

*Jesus didn't DO anything, SAY anything, or GO anywhere, without talking to the Father.*

**Q:** How would your life be different  
if you prayed about everything?

## How to Talk to God:

- **TELL** him everything you want to tell him.
- **ASK** him anything you want to ask him.
- **LISTEN** to what he says.
- **RESPOND** quickly and completely.

## Luke 11 - The Lord's Prayer

<sup>1</sup> 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." <sup>2</sup> Jesus said, This is how you should pray:

*"Father, may your name be kept holy.  
May your Kingdom come soon.*

*<sup>3</sup> Give us each day the food we need,*

*<sup>4</sup> and forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
And don't let us yield to temptation."*

*\* Some Manuscripts include: "For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen."*

<sup>5</sup> 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, <sup>6</sup> 'A friend of mine has just arrived for a visit, and I have nothing for him to eat.' <sup>7</sup> 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.'

<sup>8</sup> 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.

<sup>9</sup> "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.

<sup>10</sup> For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.

<sup>11</sup> "You fathers - if your children ask for a fish, do you give them a snake instead? <sup>12</sup> Or if they ask for an egg, do you give them a scorpion? Of course not! <sup>13</sup> 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.**"

## 1. **TELL God everything.**

- Tell him thank you.
- Tell him what you need.
- Tell him how you feel.

## 2. **ASK God anything.**

- Ask him for direction.
- Ask him for provision.
- Ask him for protection.
- Ask him for power.

## 3. **LISTEN to what he says.**

- Listen to his Word.
- Listen to his Spirit.
- Listen to his People.

## 4. **RESPOND quickly and completely.**

- Sin is telling God - **NO**
- Obedience is telling God - **YES**

## **Pray Like This:**

- **Be Specific:** *"I need bread . . ."*
- **Be Bold:** *"Keep on asking . . ."*
- **Be Ready:** *"God will open the door."*

*Prayer is the KEY that unlocks God's POWER.*

# Questions.

**Q:** How often do you talk to God in prayer?

*Rarely - Sometimes - Frequently - All the Time*

**Q:** When you pray, what do you usually ask God for?

- Finances?
- Health?
- Career?
- Relationships?
- Something else?

**Q:** Which ONE of these do you need to work on?

- Praying SPECIFIC prayers.
- Praying BOLD prayers.
- Walking through the OPEN door.

**Q:** How would your life be different if you  
*prayed about everything?*

**Q:** What is **ONE thing** the men at your table  
can be praying with you about?

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**Prayer:** Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for inviting me into your presence as your SON. Thank you for hearing my prayers and for caring about the intimate details of my life. Where I'm lost - give me direction. Where I'm needy - send me your provision. Where I'm weak - fill me with your power. Amen.