

# Silver Creek Fellowship NOTES

July 21

## THE GREATEST STORIES EVER TOLD MIDNIGHT FRIEND

**Luke 11:1-13 (NIV) Jesus' Teaching on Prayer** "One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples." <sup>2</sup>He said to them, "When you pray, say: "'Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. <sup>3</sup>Give us each day our daily bread. <sup>4</sup>Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation.'" <sup>5</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; <sup>6</sup>a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.' <sup>7</sup>And suppose the one inside answers, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.' <sup>8</sup>I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need. <sup>9</sup>"So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. <sup>10</sup>For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. <sup>11</sup>"Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? <sup>12</sup>Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? <sup>13</sup>If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

### 1. Jesus is a man of prayer.

**Luke 3:21-22 (NLT) The Baptism of Jesus** <sup>21</sup>"One day when the crowds were being baptized, Jesus himself was baptized. As he was praying, the heavens opened, <sup>22</sup>and the Holy Spirit, in bodily form, descended on him like a dove. And a voice from heaven said, "You are my dearly loved Son, and you bring me great joy."

**Luke 5:15-16** "But despite Jesus' instructions, the report of his power spread even faster, and vast crowds came to hear him preach and to be healed of their diseases. But Jesus often withdrew to the wilderness for prayer."

**Luke 6:12-13** One day soon afterward Jesus went up on a mountain to pray, and he prayed to God all night. At daybreak he called together all of his disciples and chose twelve of them to be apostles

**Hebrews 5:7 (NLT)** "While Jesus was here on earth, he offered prayers and pleadings, with a loud cry and tears, to the one who could rescue him from death. And God heard his prayers because of his deep reverence for God."

**Romans 8:34 (NIV)** "Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us."

**Hebrews 7:25 (NIV)** "Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them."

**Luke 11:5-8 (NIV)** <sup>5</sup>Then Jesus said to them, 'Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; <sup>6</sup>a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.' <sup>7</sup>And suppose the one inside answers, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can't get

up and give you anything.’<sup>8</sup>I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need.”

**Psalm 121:3 (NLT)** "He will not let you stumble; the one who watches over you will not slumber."

**2. This parable teaches us to be persistent in prayer.**

**3. God wants us to persist in prayer because it deepens our relationship with Him.**

**Hebrews 4:16 (NIV)** "Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need."

**1 Thessalonians 5:17 NIV** "pray continually."

**Life Point**

**We can confidently enter God's presence, no matter the situation or time.**

**Exodus 16:4 (NIV)** "Then the Lord said to Moses, "I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions."

**John 6:35 (NIV)** "Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

**Life Point:**

**Jesus is the only manna you need.**

**Deuteronomy 8:3 (NIV)** "He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your ancestors had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord."

**John 6:48-51 (NIV)** <sup>48</sup>"I am the bread of life. <sup>49</sup>Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, yet they died. <sup>50</sup>But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, which anyone may eat and not die. <sup>51</sup>I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."

**Luke 11:11-13 (NIV)** <sup>11</sup>"Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? <sup>12</sup>Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? <sup>13</sup>If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

**4. God desires to provide for His children's needs.**

**5. God's provision is not limited to our material needs but includes His presence and guidance in our everyday life.**

**John 15:5-8 (NIV)** <sup>5</sup>"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples."

**Romans 8:32 (NIV)** "He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?"

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