

## UNTIL THE DOOR IS OPEN

*"Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread;6 a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.'7 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.'8 I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity[a] he will surely get up and give you as much as you need.9 "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.10 For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.  
**Luke 11.5-10***

**Illustration:** A woman spoke on the phone with the manager of a theater and told him that she had lost her most valuable diamond pin the night before. The man told her to wait on the line. A search was done and the pin was found ;but when he returned to the phone, the woman had hung up. He waited until she called again, he even announced it in the newspaper, but he never heard of her. Many christians are the same. We pray to God, telling him our problems and needs, but we fail in waiting for the answer. As a result, we lose the joy of an answered prayer, we dont find the needed answer and we lose the joy and reward of persistent faith. We need to persevere until the door opens and the prayer is answered.

### Questions:

- What should we do if we pray but don't see our prayers answered?
- Why is it important to persevere when we pray?
- What can we do to create the habit of persevering until the door is opened?

**Introduction:** If one of us were to try to trouble the President of United States to expose a problem and do a petition surely someone would take care of keeping us quiet or escorting us out and if many of us try to do petitions at the same time he wouldn't even understand what we want. God is all the contrary even though he's the most important of the whole universe It's him who we insist until we begin to pesterand he has the capacity of listening to us all at the same time. What door do you need to open? What petition do you need to be answered? So that the door can open and the answer may come do the following:

### **1. ASK SHAMELESSLY (Luke 11.5-9)**

- When we are asking God for something in prayer, we must do so in a persistent way until importune. **Example:** This man was not ashamed to go at midnight and ask a favor to his friend and for his insistence the door is opened.
- We should not be embarrassed of insistently asking God for what we need if we know that it goes according to the will of God, He will make sure that the impossible door you were knocking on opens for your life. (1 John 5.14)
- If you have dreams in our life and we believe that the fulfillment of these dreams depend on God we must not get tired of asking. Do not get tired of asking for your children, for your husband, for a good job, residence, health, that door will open.

### **2. SEEK WHILE YOU ASK<sup>o</sup>** »So I say: ...seek, and you will find;... Luke 11:9

- When the Bible tells us to seek it means that we must move toward what we yearn in other words that we should take action and not just ask. God blesses our prayer but also the work of our hands.

- It also means that we should seek the presence of God in our time of prayer one of the priorities that we should have is yearning the presence of God. (Psalms 105.4)
- We should seek answers and promises of God that are in his Word so that it may encourage us to continue in the pursuit of fulfillment of our request.

3. **KNOCK UNTIL THE DOOR IS OPENED**<sup>9</sup> »So I say: ...call out, and the doors will open. Luke 11:9

- It means we should insist until something breaks it's like knocking on a door until it falls and we can obtain our answer. (Psalm 88.9)
- We often think that faith is simply demonstrated by confessing that we yearn and to say that God will give us, but the Bible teaches us to ask seek and call and this is the faith that denotes complete dependence on God.
- We need to persist in prayer, in petitions, in search and insistence knocking the necessary doors until they open or fall. (Romans 12.12)

**Conclusion:** *Many dreams have been left behind, many requests were written on paper that ended in a garbage can that someone deposited because they got tired of asking, searching, and insisting. The Bible says that we should seek the Lord while he may be found, this is a time in which we can find God through Jesus Christ, accepting Him as our Lord and Savior.*

Take time to pray together for the personal request.

**Weekly announcements:**

- Retreat 3 days of power: 5-7 of September
- Retreat for Leaders and Host of HOP: Saturday September 27.

**SINNERS PRAYER**

*Lord Jesus I recognize that  
I have sinned and that you  
died for me. I give you my  
life and heart so you can  
be my Lord and  
Saviour, Amén.*