



# JESUS STORIES

## August 11, 2024 - Sermon Study Guide Lead Pastor Brian Bales –Jesus Stories: *But Wait, There's More* Luke 11:5-13

<sup>5</sup> And he said to them, “Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves, <sup>6</sup> for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him’; <sup>7</sup> and he will answer from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything’? <sup>8</sup> I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence<sup>[c]</sup> he will rise and give him whatever he needs. <sup>9</sup> And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. <sup>10</sup> For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. <sup>11</sup> What father among you, if his son asks for<sup>[d]</sup> a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; <sup>12</sup> or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? <sup>13</sup> If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!” Luke 11:5-13(ESV)

### ***The Lord's Prayer***

*Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen. Matthew 6:9-13*

### **A Life Application Study Guide**

James 1:22-25 tells us to put into practice what we are discovering in God's word.

1. How do you feel about someone pestering you? Children are especially good at pestering for the things that they want, and you likely have had at least one experience where the pestering (by someone in your life) was world class! Like they could have won an Olympic medal in the **Pestering Event**. So how did you respond?
  - What were your internal thoughts as you responded to the pestering?

- If your words or actions were out of character for you, how would you re-do your response today if you could?

2. Pestering is just a step below harassment but in the scene in Luke we see behavior that just will not let up. In the ancient Middle East however this was common. People were obligated to host travelers in their home as they made their way to their next stop. They lived in a village or community context for support, safety, survival. Borrowing food to feed an unexpected guest(s) was customary and offering shelter was also customary. There were no Marriot points or Hilton rewards.

- How has that ancient way of life changed dramatically over the centuries and how do you navigate your neighborhood life and that community living here in Northern, Va?

- Name a friend or a neighbor that you could go to in the middle of the night with a need. And if the story was flipped who would know that they could pester **you** in the middle of night, unannounced if they needed to? How is this both reassuring and challenging for you?

- How would you rate yourself as a friend and neighbor?



## **MAKING IT REAL**

1. We have been filled with the Holy Spirit because we follow King Jesus. One of the roles of the Holy Spirit is to remind us of who God is and how much He loves us. This week when life brings a particular challenge how will you be listening to the voice of the Holy Spirit?