Better Than A Midnight Friend Luke 11:5-10 February 25, 2018

Why is prayer so difficult for us?

Why do we have so little power in prayer?

What is the context of this parable?

Why do we lack confidence in prayer?

Jesus Tells a Silly Story v 5-7

This story demands a negative answer.

A Yeah-that-would-never-happen story

What was hospitality like in the ancient world?

In the OT?

In the NT?

How many times does the man ask? How many times does he knock?

Is this parable about persistent prayer?

The friend's three excuses. How would the hearers have received these excuses?

Jesus' Point for Telling the Silly Story. V 8

Why does the friend act?

What does the friend give the unexpected host?

Jesus' Application of the Silly Story. V 9-13

What is the point? God is much better than the midnight friend.

What is a light to heavy argument? (How much more...)

How is the heavenly father compared to the midnight friend?

An encouragement to pray