

The Insistent Friend



Did you know...

When Jewish people went to bed, the people who lived in the house put their sleeping mats out and they took up nearly the whole floor of the small house.

Once a door was bolted it was hard to unlock.

When Jesus told this parable, he was teaching about prayer.

Light candle and read the story ... directly from Bible.



Luke 11:5-8

5 And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend to whom he goes at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread,

6 for a friend of mine has arrived at my house from a journey and I have nothing to offer him,'



7 and he says in reply from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked and my children and I are already in bed. I cannot get up to give you anything.'



8 I tell you, if he does not get up to give him the loaves because of their friendship, he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence.

Think about the story...

Why do you think the friend didn't give up?

What would you have done?

How do you think God might respond if we keep on asking for something we need?

What do you think Jesus wants us to learn about prayer from this story?

What do you think this story tells us about God?

Why do you think that sometimes when you pray, God does not seem to be listening?