

## Do you believe in prayer?



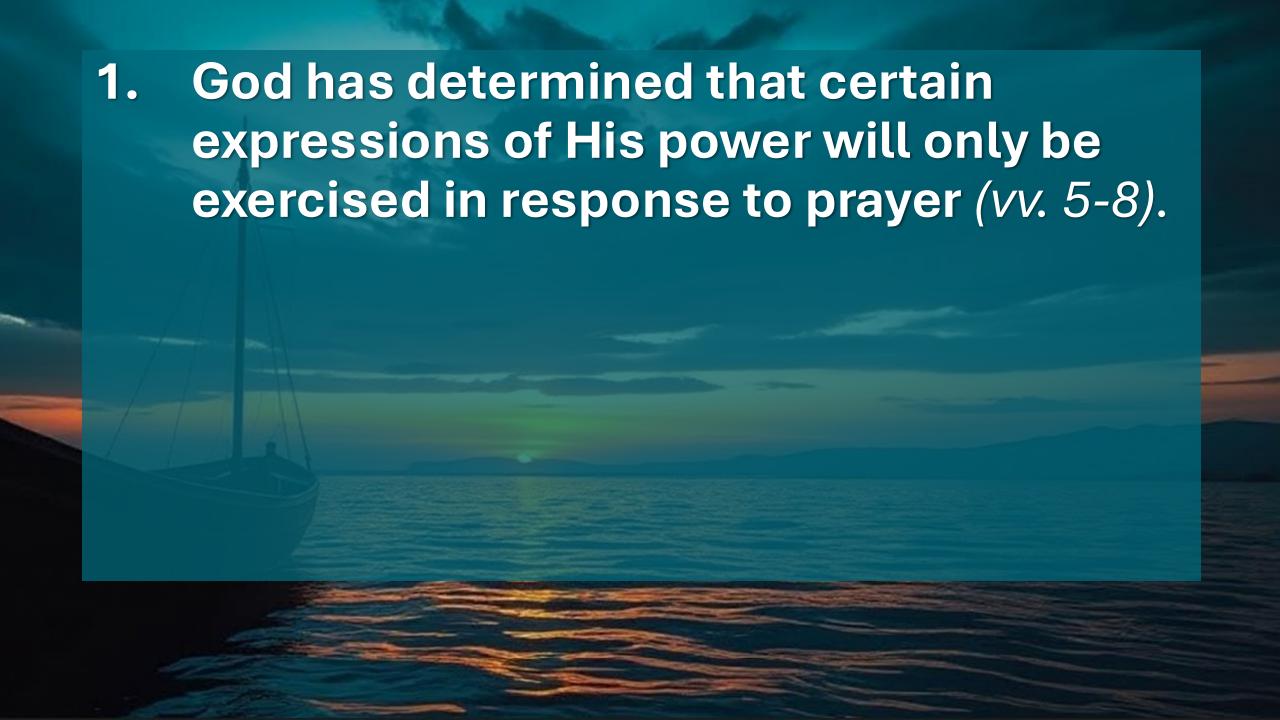


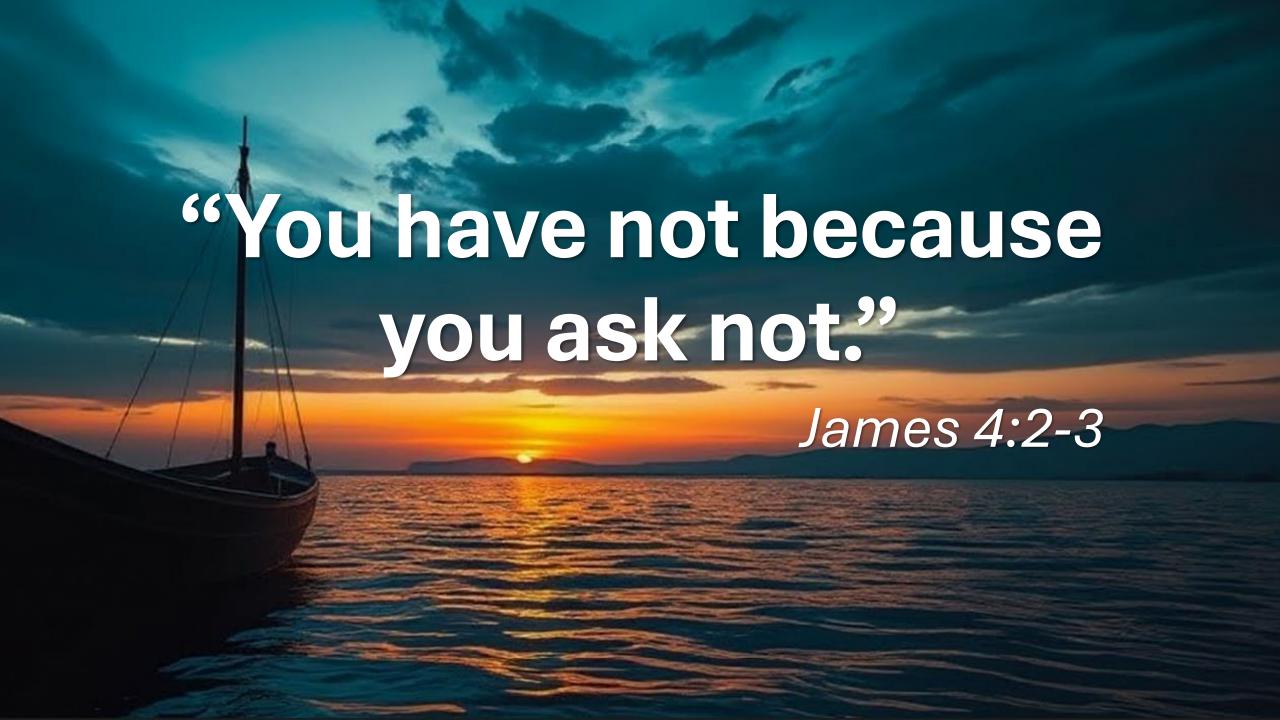
## Why do we struggle with prayer?

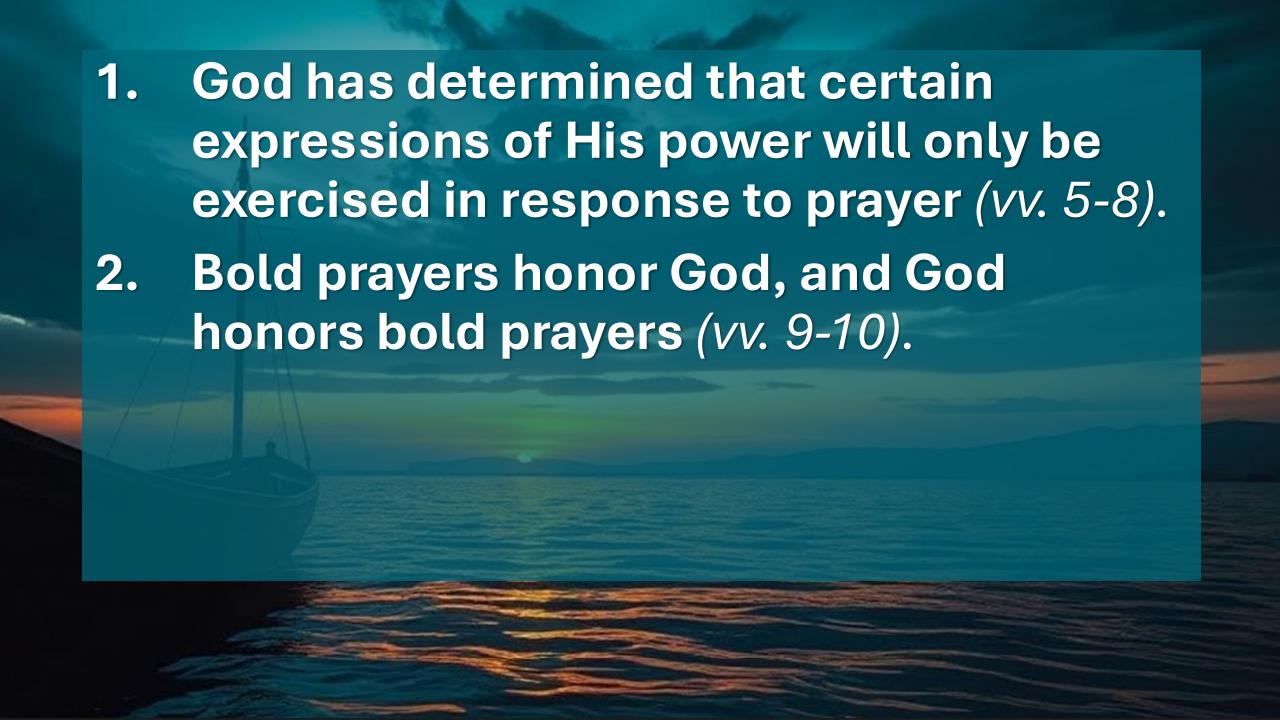
- ·We are distracted and busy.
- ·We doubt prayer does anything.
- Answers often seem to come slow.

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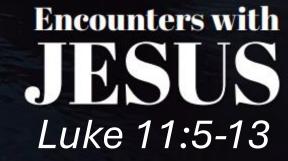








- Ascending intensity (ask, seek, knock)
- Two kinds of imperatives
  - > Aorist imperatives
  - > Present imperatives
- Passionately persist!!
- Boldness! They would not stop asking!





IESUS Luke 11:5-13

- 1. God has determined that certain expressions of His power will only be exercised in response to prayer (vv. 5-8).
- 2. Bold prayers honor God, and God honors bold prayers (vv. 9-10).
- 3. There is nothing God loves more than keeping promises and answering prayers (vv. 11-13).



**Encounters with JESUS** *Luke* 11:5-13

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Praying Circles Around Your Biggest Dreams and Greatest Fears

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## Dream big. Pray hard. Think long.

- 1. God is for you.
- 2. God answers every prayer, keeps every promise.
- 3. God is not holding out or holding back.

