WHY SHOULD I KEEP PRAYING?

How do we Pray?

Luke 11:1a (NIV) *One day Jesus was praying in a certain <u>place.</u>   When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, <u>teach us to pray</u>, just as John taught his disciples."*

Luke 11:2 (NIV) *He said to them, "When you pray, say: 'Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. ³ Give us each day our daily bread. ⁴ Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation.'*

1). Start with God (not you).
When you pray, say: 'Father, hallowed be your name.

2). Your will (over my will).
Your kingdom come. (Your will be done)

3). Please provide my needs.
³ Give us each day our daily bread.

4). Forgive me and help me to forgive others.
⁴ Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us.

5). Help me to obey.
And lead us not into temptation.

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Luke 11:5 (NIV) *Then Jesus said to them, "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 <u>shameless audacity</u> 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.

QUESTION: What have you given up on?
- Sometimes He'll do the very <u>thing we ask for</u>. But it's not always on our timetable or schedule.
- Sometimes He'll do <u>something in us</u>, while we're waiting.
- Sometimes He'll reveal to us we're praying for the <u>wrong thing.</u>