

A Powerful Prayer Life

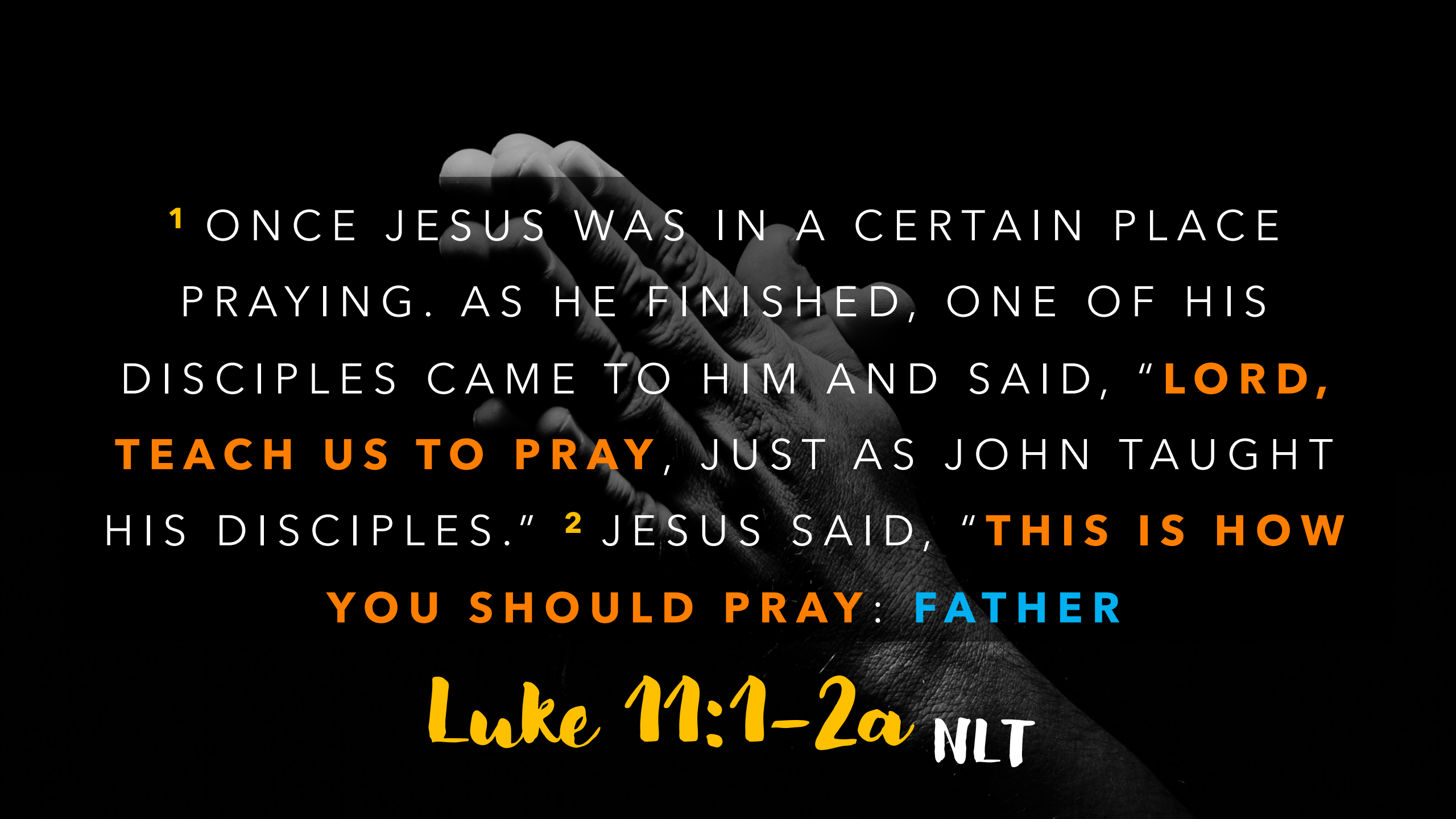
1. THE DESIRE TO PRAY





T1 Your view of God
determines your prayer life.

LUKE 11:1-2



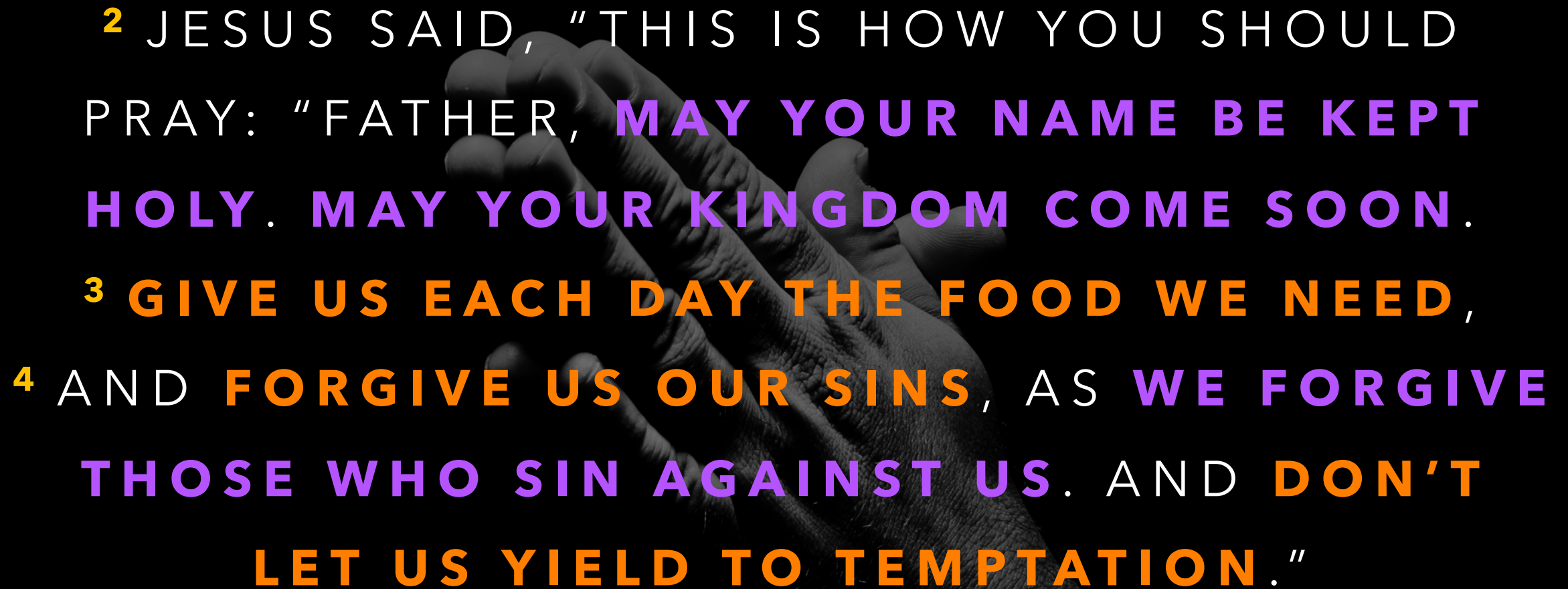
1 ONCE JESUS WAS IN A CERTAIN PLACE
PRAYING. AS HE FINISHED, ONE OF HIS
DISCIPLES CAME TO HIM AND SAID, "**LORD,
TEACH US TO PRAY**, JUST AS JOHN TAUGHT
HIS DISCIPLES." **2** JESUS SAID, "**THIS IS HOW
YOU SHOULD PRAY: FATHER**

Luke 11:1-2a NLT

T2 Prayer
starts with God
and ends with you.

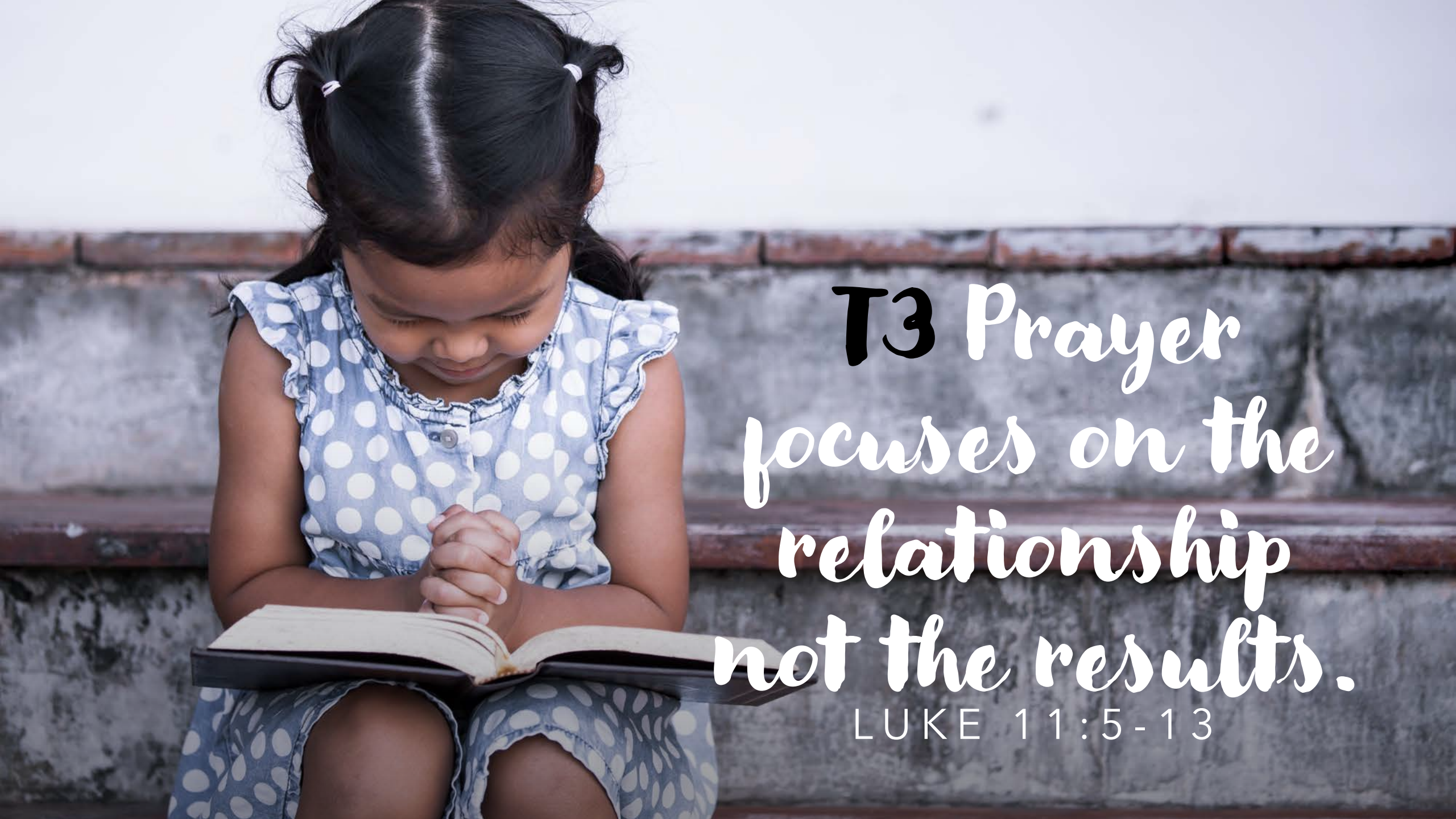
LUKE 11:3-4





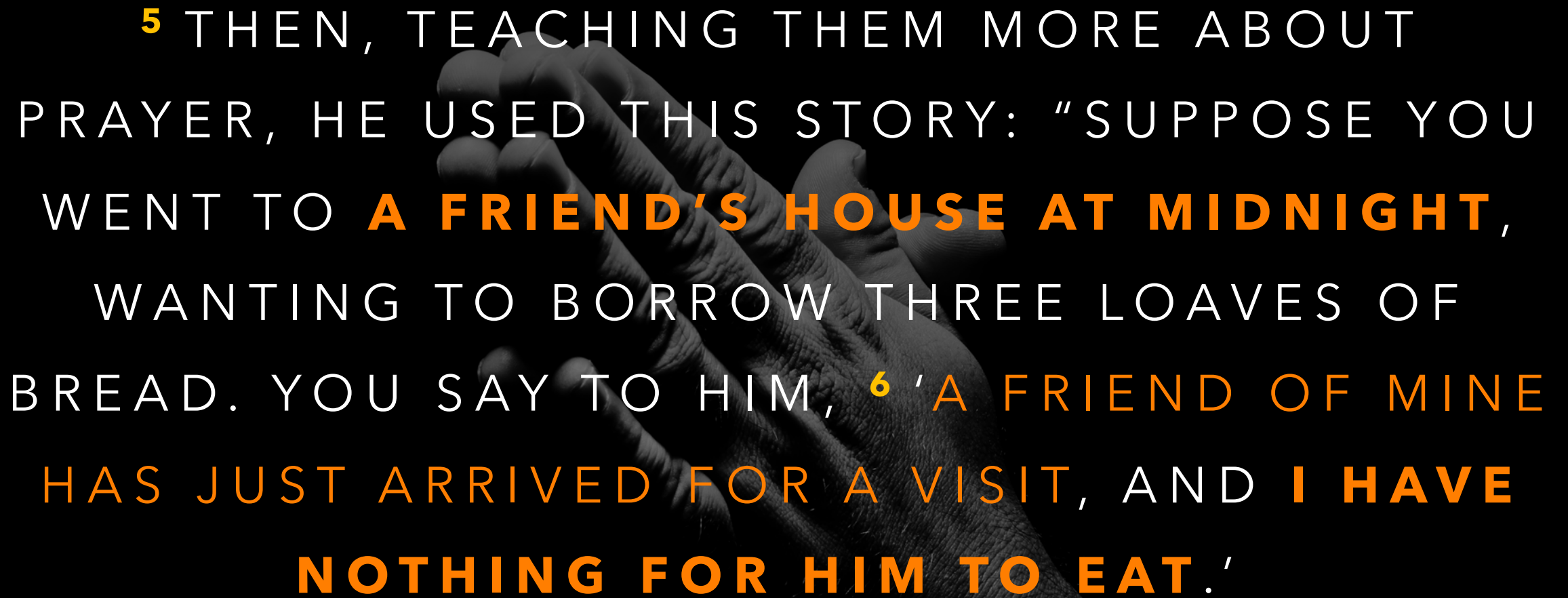
2 JESUS SAID, "THIS IS HOW YOU SHOULD
PRAY: "FATHER, **MAY YOUR NAME BE KEPT
HOLY. MAY YOUR KINGDOM COME SOON.**
3 **GIVE US EACH DAY THE FOOD WE NEED,**
4 AND **FORGIVE US OUR SINS,** AS WE FORGIVE
**THOSE WHO SIN AGAINST US. AND DON'T
LET US YIELD TO TEMPTATION."**

Luke 11:2b-4 NLT



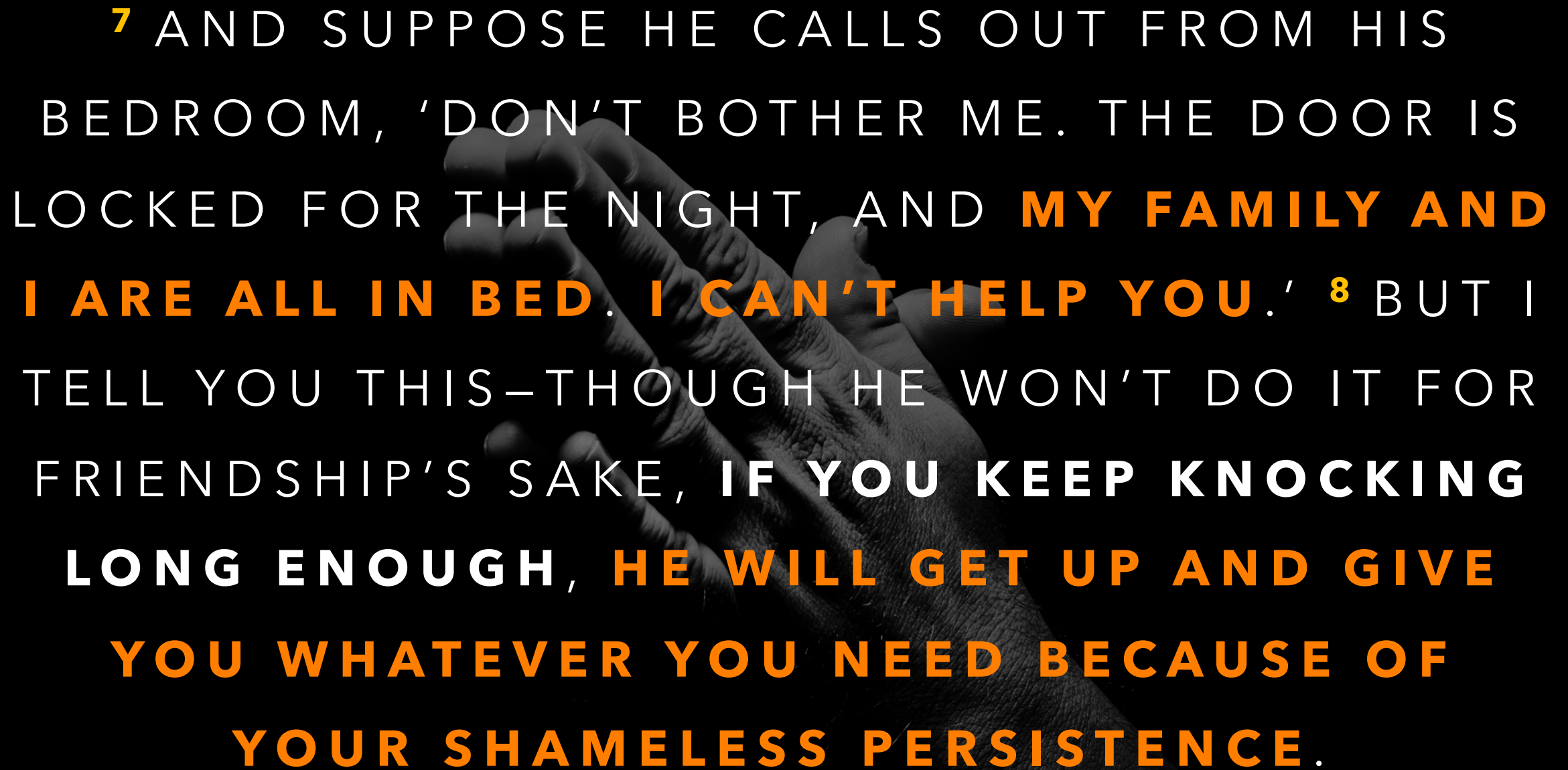
T3 Prayer
focuses on the
relationship
not the results.

LUKE 11:5-13



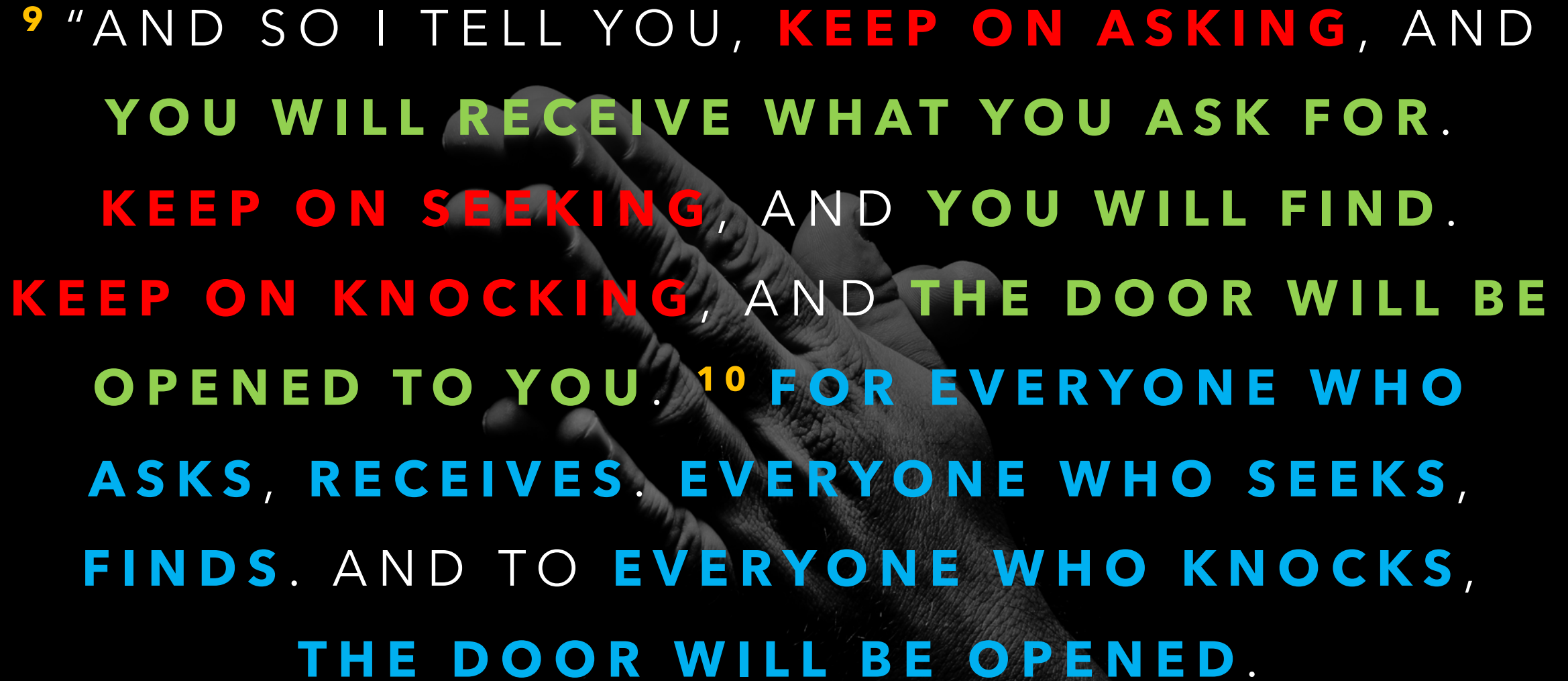
5 THEN, TEACHING THEM MORE ABOUT PRAYER, HE USED THIS STORY: "SUPPOSE YOU WENT TO **A FRIEND'S HOUSE AT MIDNIGHT,** WANTING TO BORROW THREE LOAVES OF BREAD. YOU SAY TO HIM, **6** 'A FRIEND OF MINE HAS JUST ARRIVED FOR A VISIT, AND **I HAVE NOTHING FOR HIM TO EAT.'**"

Luke 11:5-6 NLT



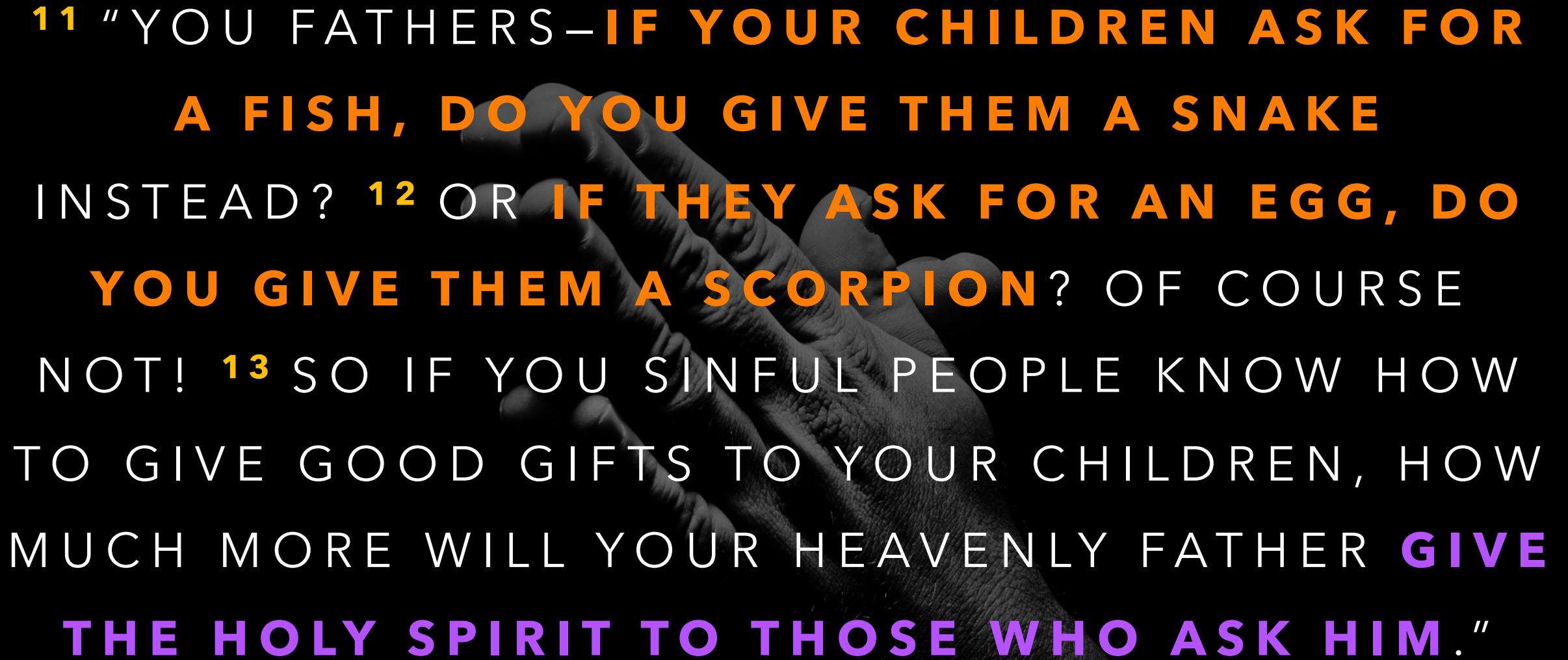
7 AND SUPPOSE HE CALLS OUT FROM HIS
BEDROOM, 'DON'T BOTHER ME. THE DOOR IS
LOCKED FOR THE NIGHT, AND **MY FAMILY AND
I ARE ALL IN BED. I CAN'T HELP YOU.**' **8** BUT I
TELL YOU THIS—THOUGH HE WON'T DO IT FOR
FRIENDSHIP'S SAKE, **IF YOU KEEP KNOCKING
LONG ENOUGH, HE WILL GET UP AND GIVE
YOU WHATEVER YOU NEED BECAUSE OF
YOUR SHAMELESS PERSISTENCE.**

Luke 11:7-8 NLT



9 "AND SO I TELL YOU, **KEEP ON ASKING**, AND
YOU WILL RECEIVE WHAT YOU ASK FOR.
KEEP ON SEEKING, AND **YOU WILL FIND.**
KEEP ON KNOCKING, AND **THE DOOR WILL BE**
OPENED TO YOU. 10 **FOR EVERYONE WHO**
ASKS, RECEIVES. EVERYONE WHO SEEKS,
FINDS. AND TO EVERYONE WHO KNOCKS,
THE DOOR WILL BE OPENED.

Luke 11:9-10 NLT



11 "YOU FATHERS—**IF YOUR CHILDREN ASK FOR A FISH, DO YOU GIVE THEM A SNAKE** INSTEAD? **12** OR **IF THEY ASK FOR AN EGG, DO YOU GIVE THEM A SCORPION?** OF COURSE NOT! **13** SO IF YOU SINFUL PEOPLE KNOW HOW TO GIVE GOOD GIFTS TO YOUR CHILDREN, HOW MUCH MORE WILL YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER **GIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT TO THOSE WHO ASK HIM.**"

Luke 11:11-13 NLT



Upper Room Questions:

READ: MATTHEW 6:5-14

LEARN: WHAT ARE THE THEMES, TRUTHS, COMMANDS, & PROMISES GOD WANTS TO TEACH YOU?

EXAMINE: WHAT IS THE HOLY SPIRIT TELLING YOU?

APPLY: HOW DOES GOD WANT YOU TO CHANGE?

PRAY: HOW CAN YOU PRAY THESE PRINCIPLES BACK TO JESUS?

GOT QUESTIONS: WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF PRAYER?