

## **DON'T STOP PRAYING**

November 8, 2020 Matthew 7:7-12

Are you discouraged because it seems like God is not answering your prayers? Pray anyway. Don't stop praying. **What fuels our prayers is faith.** No matter what happens, **will you trust God?** If so you will...

### **1. KEEP ON ASKING**

- These commands are in the present tense imperative and stress continued, persistent action. You pray until God gives you an answer. Ask.
- "Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up (Luke 18:1)."
- When you ask expect God to answer. "Keep on believing, God will answer prayer." God answers every prayer: Yes, No, or Wait. I John 5:14-15.
- Jesus illustrated asking in Matthew 7:9-11. We pray for our daily bread.

### **2. KEEP ON SEEKING**

- Seeking comes with increased intensity. We seek when something is lost.
- "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well (Matthew 6:33)."
- Jesus said to Mary after the resurrection, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for (John 20:15)."
- Do you believe that seekers become finders? Psalm 34:10

### **3. KEEP ON KNOCKING**

- "Knock and the door will be opened to you (7:7-8)."
- Are you facing a closed door?
- An open door can mean a door of opportunity.
- Keep knocking and then look for God to open the right door for you.
- All these commands are given as you seek to love your neighbor.