HE IS READY IF WE ARE



Intercession

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They ask us to pray for them.

And we do.

They ask us to help them.

And we try.

They cry out for answers.

And we do our best.

Yet how many people who come to us for help walk away empty!

We can't find the words.

Our helping hands are trembling and weak.

Lord Jesus, give us the bread we need to feed these hungry souls you send to us!

"Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, `Friend, lend me three loaves;

for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; and he will answer from within, `Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my

children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything'?

I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him whatever he needs."

Luke 11

So if God is always ready to give us what we need to help the ones he sends our way....

....why does he hold out on us?

Why doesn't God just give us the bread?

Too many times we are not ready to receive the bread.

Urgency is missing.

Faith isn't there.

We are still trying to pull the strength out of ourselves.

As if we had the wisdom and the power to help anybody!

We're just not ready.

And here's how the Father makes us ready.

He waits for us to ask for help.

To ask and keep asking.

To plead and pester.

If we give up after a few tries, we're not ready.

Only when we keep pestering are we ready.



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"I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him whatever he needs."

We are ready to receive God's power when we realize how powerless we are.

When we realize that our only source of supply is God himself---every hour, every minute!

God's Holy Spirit is the only power that saves and heals and guides.

We are ready to receive the power of God's Spirit when we learn how to ask---and keep asking.

"And I tell you, Ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

For every one who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion?

If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"



Luke 11

Prayer: Holy Lord, give us the urgency, the heart, the faith, the persistence to ask for the bread needed to feed the hungry. Lord, we alone have nothing for them, we can't feed them ourselves. Without you... we are empty, empty. Help us, make us ready to receive the power of your Holy Spirit to bring good to those in need. In your mercy, gracious Lord.

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