

Refrigerator Notes 24 July 2016
Go Forth into the World (*one on one with Lord Jesus*)
Luke 11:1-13 (9thru10)

1. Our text is taken from verse 9 and 10 of the Gospel of Luke - where Jesus teaches us - "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. For everyone who asks - receives, the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened."
2. It's a message that should resonate with God's people, if you truly trust the Lord, anything you need, ask for it in your prayer life, in Jesus' name
3. I mention in the sermon that God is not a ATM, however, anything that you ask for in the name of Jesus could be yours (?)
4. Jesus' response is a blank check that He is capable of cashing, But 1 John 5:14 clarifies Jesus' response to His disciples "Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything *according to His will*, He hears us."
5. Real prayer is communion with God, and what is necessary for this type of communion, are thoughts that are common between God's mind and our minds
6. What we need is for the Holy Spirit to fill our minds and hearts with Jesus' thoughts, Then His desires will become our desires, flowing back to Him in the form of our prayers
7. James 4:3 confirms this. "You ask and do not receive, because *you ask amiss*, that you may spend it on your pleasures."
8. If we ask amiss, we are certainly not asking according to Jesus' will, and we will not receive
9. Caution, when we do pray in the name of Jesus, because we don't get an answer immediately, it does not mean 'no' - but, wait on the Lord - evens if it takes 25 Years - I say wait on the Lord
10. To ask God for anything in the name of Jesus Christ, it must be in keeping with whom God is
11. To ask in Christ's name is to ask as though Christ Himself were asking God for you
12. Therefore, we can only ask for what Christ Himself would ask (p), It is therefore necessary to set aside our own will and accept God's will for us
13. Clearly this is where the line is drawn, have you given any thought that your request of God must be in God's will - not our will, but God's will - because that is the only way it will get done!
14. We must understand that prayer is not dictating to God, but a humble and heartfelt expression of our attitude of dependency and need for God's sovereignty
15. The one who truly prays **must be** submissive to God's will - oohs! Here lies the problem
16. We are only concern with our selfish motives, yet, God gives us opportunity after opportunity to be blessed by doing God's will
17. The harvest is plentiful, but the labors are few - St. Teresa of Avila stated, "**Christ has no body on earth but yours; no hands but yours; no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes through which the compassion of Christ looks out into the world. Yours are the feet with which he is to go about doing good. Yours are the hands with which He is to bless others now.**"
18. We want it all from Christ in our prayers, but we are only willing to give nothing in return or very little back to Christ - yet we want to cash Christ's big check by asking in His name
19. Here is an alert, we in the community of God are not willing to follow most of Christ's directions - what we do is the stuff we consider is easy and yet, we want Christ to do all the heavy lifting!
20. God is calling us to go out into the world and trust Him that the blank check Christ gives us has multiple funds attached