




Faith Exercised

Putting Your Faith Into Action

“Learning How to Pray - #2”

Luke 11:5-13



1. Our view of ourselves in relationship to the Father will make all the difference on whether we pray and whether we pray in faith.

A. Jesus' death entitles me to access my "heavenly support team."


- V8, v9.
- Jn 1:11-13

B. Any time is the right time.

- Why "midnight" in story?
- Prayers like incense. Ps 141:2-3; Rev 8:3-4

C. Any thing is the right prayer.





2. Daily prayer is a two-way conversation where we “collaborate” with God through listening and “keeping on...”

A. [Keep on] Asking:

A. In faith; specifics; surrendering to his will bc he knows me, loves me, and has the best for me.

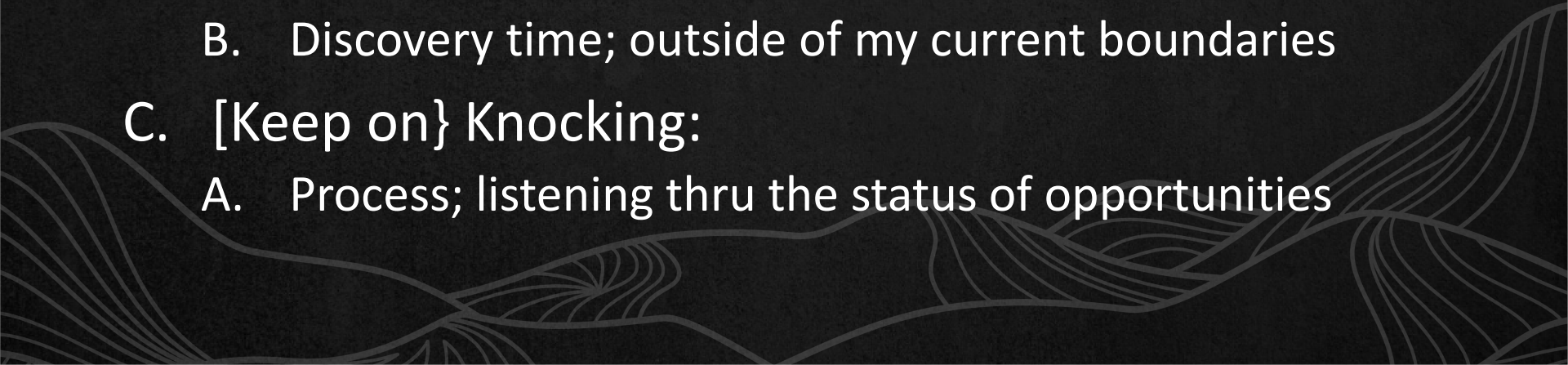
B. [Keep on} Seeking:

A. God first; His will for my life;

B. Discovery time; outside of my current boundaries

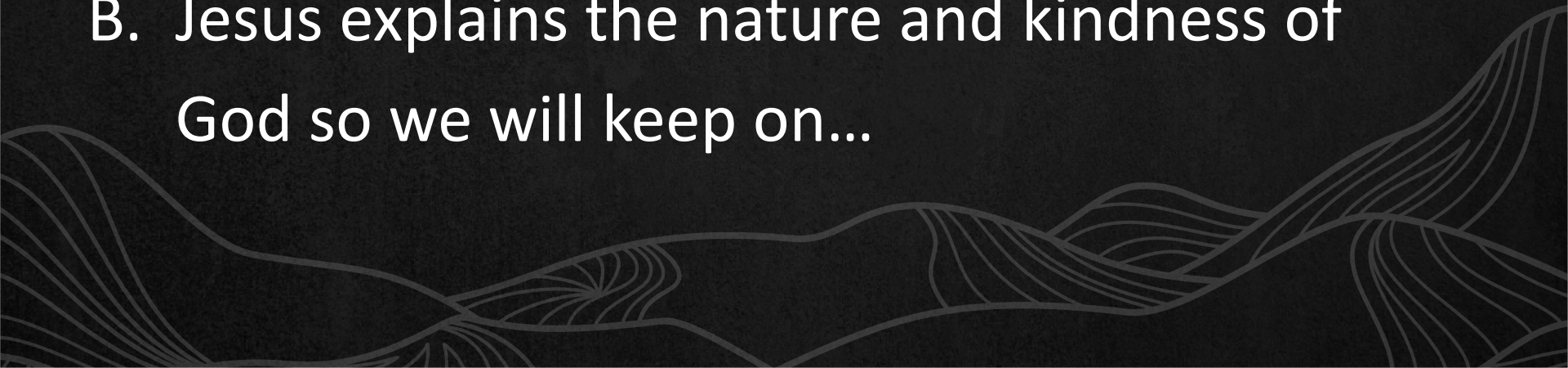
C. [Keep on} Knocking:

A. Process; listening thru the status of opportunities





3. Prayer, as a habit, a lifestyle, shapes our “wanting” so our “wanting” lines up with what God wants for us.
 - A. Luke 11:9, I tell you “[keep on] asking, [keep on] seeking, [keep on] knocking, and the door will be opened to you.
 - B. Jesus explains the nature and kindness of God so we will keep on...



Next Steps

A. 20 in 24

- Take 20 minutes a day to read the Bible and pray in 2024. Think of words/verse that reverere the Father.

B. Develop a habit of “abiding prayer moments” – specific for your life:

- On way to work or school, pray daily for _____.
- Folding laundry – pray for the person whose clothes folding.
- Drinking water – ask God to make Jesus living water in your life.

Next Steps

C. Start a prayer journal.

A. List your prayer requests, including a date

B. Keep a record of the process whereby God opens or closes a door to answer your request.





1. Is there a certain “formula” that I must use in prayer?

Lord’s Prayer:

1. Simple, short.
2. Sections/categories in Jesus’ prayer:
 1. **Adoration**, praise, thanks. V2
 2. **Confession**. (moved to #2)
 3. **Surrender** - “Your kingdom come, your will ...”
 4. **Asks** – daily “bread” [daily needs].
 5. **Protection**.