

**Prayer: Trusting the Father's Heat**  
**Matthew 7:7-11**

**OUTLINE:**

1. The invitation (Ask; Seek; Knock)
2. The promise

**KEY TAKEAWAYS:**

**The promises:** When a child of God goes to the Father, he/she is always warmly received and the Father only gives good gifts to his children.

Our heavenly Father is always better than our earthly father.

**QUOTES:**

**Martin Luther**

"He knows that we are timid and shy, that we feel unworthy and unfit to present our needs to God...WE think that God is so great and we are so tiny that we do not dare to pray...That is why Christ wants to lure us away from such timid thoughts, to remove our doubts, and to have us go ahead confidently and boldly."<sup>1</sup>

**QUESTIONS:**

**Q:** What are some of the greatest examples of answered prayer in your life? What are some recent examples of answered prayers (even mundane examples are good).

**Q:** We know that prayer is an expression of faith, but is prayerlessness also an expression of faith?

**Q:** What are some reasons for why believers don't pray? See Martin Luther quote above?

**Q:** What does Jesus promise in this passage? What doesn't he promise?

**Q:** What are some examples of prayers you earnestly prayed that you are thankful God didn't say, "yes" to?

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<sup>1</sup> The sermon on the mount, vol 21 of Luther's works, Concordia, p.234

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

-Guys' Night is May 7, 6pm at New Valley • This is a church-wide event for all the men of New Valley that meets monthly in the pursuit of gospel growth and authentic community. We will hear from Bob Thompson about "A Man and Evangelism", break out into small groups and also have a time of fellowship.

-Intro to New Valley Class is Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 8am – noon • Would you like to become a member at New Valley or just check things out a little deeper? Scott will be sharing about New Valley's vision, beliefs, community and leadership Saturday morning, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. A light breakfast will be provided and childcare will be available. Sign up [online](#).

-We are currently in need of volunteers for the following teams. If you are interested, email [amanda@newvalleychurch.org](mailto:amanda@newvalleychurch.org).

**Net Team • 2 people needed (1x per month)** • Help visitors find us by putting out signs before services and picking them up afterwards. Welcome people to service and assist in finding a place to sit in the sanctuary.

**Media Team • 1 person needed (1x per month)** • Help facilitate worship and communication by creating and presenting projection slides for songs, sermons and announcements.

**Hospitality Team • 2 couples/families or 4 individuals needed (1x per month)** • Help create a hospitable environment by preparing coffee and communion elements and folding bulletins before services.