

# Creatures of Habit

## Week 2: January 11th & 14th - Prayerlessness

**The best way to form godly habits is to focus on who I want to become, not on what I want to achieve**

*Luke 11:1-10 - 1 Once Jesus was in a certain place praying. As he finished, one of his disciples came to him and said, "Lord, teach us to pray."*

**Prayer is our CONNECTION with God**

**Prayer makes room for DIRECTION and CORRECTION**

*2 Jesus said, "This is how you should pray:"*

***The Lord's Prayer:** Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, Forever. Amen.*

*5 Then, teaching them more about prayer, he used this story: "Suppose you went to a friend's house at midnight, wanting to borrow three loaves of bread. You say to him, 6 'A friend of mine has just arrived for a visit, and I have nothing for him to eat.' 7 And suppose he calls out from his bedroom, 'Don't bother me. The door is locked for the night, and my family and I are all in bed. I can't help you.' 8 But I tell you this—though he won't do it for friendship's sake, if you keep knocking long enough, he will get up and give you whatever you need because of your shameless persistence. 9 "And so I tell you, **keep on asking**, and you will receive what you ask for. **Keep on seeking**, and you will find. **Keep on knocking**, and the door will be opened to you. 10 For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.*

**Why do we experience seasons of PRAYERLESSNESS?**

**Wrong Priorities, Pride, Discouragement, Anger, Apathy**

**Consequences of Prayerlessness**

- 1. Weakens your ability to hear from God**
- 2. Weakens your relationship with God**
- 3. Weakens your desire for the things of God**

*“We are to pray in times of adversity, lest we become faithless and unbelieving. We are to pray in times of prosperity, lest we become boastful and proud. We are to pray in times of danger, lest we become fearful and doubting. We are to pray in times of security, lest we become self-sufficient.” - **Billy Graham***

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## **OWN IT**

- 1. Identify your obstacles**
- 2. Schedule a time to pray**
- 3. Find a praying partner**
- 4. Pray with boldness**