**The Prayer Series: Wk 1 - Tenacity**

* What does tenacity mean?
* What are good things to be tenacious about?
* How does it apply to your walk with God?
* How about to prayer?

**Matthew7:7-8**

* How important is reading God’s Word?
* How is memorizing Scripture important?
* How important is prayer?
* What is the hardest and easiest part of prayer?
* **God primarily speaks to us through his word – we speak to God through our prayers and praise**
* The Bible gives our prayers and praise direction – they go together like eggs & bacon / peanut butter & jelly – what are a couple other pairs?
* **The most Effective prayer is wrapped in knowing God’s will**.

**Matthew 6:10, Psalm 37:4, 1 John 5:14**

* What do these verse tells us? Do we get what we want when we pray?

**Re-read - Matthew7:7**

**Jesus gives us three levels of prayer: Ask – Seek – Knock**

**ASK - God I need help**

* Some people never get here, why?
* What happens when we do this and know it is God’s will? We receive it.
* What is happening when we do not get what we ask for?
* Should we get everything we ask for? Why not?

**James 4:2-3**

**SEEK - God I need direction or answers – God I need help with this**

* What do you think seeking involves? God’s word / counsel / more prayer
* What happens when we do this? We will find
* Seek – if we do not know his will (God I need your direction)
* When we don’t know God’s will – does that change the way we pray?
* Should we ask even if we know his will on the matter (God your will…)

**Philippians 4:6-7**

**KNOCK – God I really need you – God I still really need help**

(Banging on the door)

* When we know it is God’s will, what should we do when it seems to take a long time to answer?

**Luke 11:5-13**

* What does that verse tell us about prayer? Keep on knocking
* What is God teaching us during those times? Trust, reliance, patience.
* Knock – if we are not getting a response (God I will not give up on you)

**Prayers are always answered: They are either…**

1. **Direct –** answered right away
2. **Denied –** God says no
3. **Delayed –** God says not yet
4. **Different -** God answers differently than we expected

**Matthew7:** **7 “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.**

**The key to this verse is**

* Keep on Asking
* Keep on Seeking
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**THE BIG IDEA: Never give up – never stop talking to God.**

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