



# Parables

*“More Than A Story”*



# ***The Friend At Midnight***

**Luke 11:5-13**



**<sup>5</sup> Then Jesus said to them, “Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; <sup>6</sup> a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have nothing to give him.’”**





**<sup>7</sup>and suppose the one inside answers,  
'Don't bother me. The door is already  
locked, and my children and I are in  
bed. I can't get up and give you  
anything.'**



<sup>8</sup> I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your *shameless audacity* he will surely get up and give you as much as you need.



**9 “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.**





**<sup>10</sup> For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.**



**11 “Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? 12 Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion?”**



**13 “If you then, though you are evil,  
know how to give good gifts to your  
children, how much more will your  
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The background is a landscape photograph of rolling hills and mountains. A large, semi-transparent semi-circle is centered over the image, with a color gradient from dark purple at the top to light yellow at the bottom. Several thin white lines are overlaid on the image: a horizontal line passing through the center of the semi-circle, a diagonal line from the top-left to the bottom-right, and another diagonal line from the top-right to the bottom-left. The word "prayer" is written in a white, serif font across the middle of the semi-circle.

prayer



*“I do not know much about God and prayer, but I have come to believe over the last 25 years that there’s something to be said for keeping prayer simple.  
Help. Thanks. Wow.”*

**-Anne Lamott**





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# “Help”

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**“I have nothing”**







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A large, billowing cloud of pink smoke or ink is centered in the upper half of the frame, with wispy tendrils drifting upwards and downwards. The background is a dark, muted olive green with a subtle gradient and some faint, larger-scale smoke-like patterns.

# THE HOLY SPIRIT



WHAT A *friend*  
WE HAVE IN  
**JESUS**



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