# Before Amen; The Power of a Simple Prayer

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Intercessory prayer acknowledges our inability and God's ability.

### **Lesson #3: They Need Help**

What is your definition of "audacious" prayer? (Extremely bold, daring, recklessly brave, fearless)

Read Isaiah 65: 24 Luke 11:5-13 John 14: 12-14

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#### Key points:

- Prayer works because God does
- We come to God in prayer with empty hands and high hopes
- Belief is pounding on God's door at midnight. Unbelief is attempting to help others without calling on Jesus
- Intercessory prayer is asking for God to help those we love and those who are tough to love...and believing He will.

#### Discussion questions:

- 1. What is the first thing that you usually do when a crisis, loss or pain hits the lives of people you care about? What goes through your mind and heart?
- 2. How can we develop a response pattern of going to Jesus first?
- 3. What helps you pray more regularly, more confidently, and with greater boldness?
- 4. Do you believe that through prayer we can influence God's actions? (read Exodus 32:1-14)

#### This Week:

I will be more *audacious* with my prayers, believing that God will answer me.

## **Pocket sized prayer:**

Father, you are good.

I need help.

They need help.

Thank you.

In Jesus' name, Amen