

# What Do You Want?

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Luke 18:35-43

## Asking

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Jesus pushed for a Specific Request

### Prayer as Asking God

Boldness, Persistence, even Audacity!

### Specific

Are our requests specific enough to answer?

## The Kind of World

Many Assume "Faith" = Everything is as it should be

Bible & Classic Christian Beliefs = Nothing is as it should be!

**No Full Explanation** - But some helpful lines of thought ...

- Human Freedom
- Satan and Spiritual Opposition
- God's Rescue Project Begun, but not Done

## The Kind of Relationship

### Active Partner

Asking Makes a Difference

Asking a way to Participate, Prayer is Action

### Junior Partners

Ultimately We are Not in Charge

We Ask because we cannot Do It ourselves

## Pushing Deeper

### What Do You Want Me to Do for You?

- This question invites Asking

### It also ...

- Tests – Reveals our Heart
- Pushes for Deeper Desires

# Specific Requests

## Date:

### What Do You Want Me to Do For You?

Ponder a bit, and write out a specific request.

## Review and Revise

Is this what I really want?

Is there something I want more?

Is there something that would be better in the long term?

Do you want to revise this request?

## Two Collects on Prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.