

The Awful Moment Awaiting

WHEN GOD IS SILENT

Matthew 7:7-11 (NLT) *“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. 8 For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. 9 “You parents—if your children ask for a loaf of bread, do you give them a stone instead? 10 Or if they ask for a fish, do you give them a snake? Of course not! 11 So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good gifts to those who ask him.”*

Mark 14:32-36 (NLT) *They went to the olive grove called Gethsemane, and Jesus said, “Sit here while I go and pray.”³³ He took Peter, James, and John with him, and he became deeply troubled and distressed.³⁴ He told them, “My soul is crushed with grief to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me.”³⁵ He went on a little farther and fell to the ground. He prayed that, if it were possible, the awful hour awaiting him might pass him by.³⁶ “Abba, Father,” he cried out, “everything is possible for you. Please take this cup of suffering away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine.”*

_____ am I going to get through this?

We make the mistake of thinking that how we get through this will depend on how _____ our prayer is.

Romans 8:26 (NLT) *...the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words.*

The power of prayer is _____, not transactional.

1 Peter 5:7 (NIV) *Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.*

There is no comfort or strength in shrinking our view of God’s _____ to the size of our own _____.

Job 42:2 (NLT) *“I know that you can do anything, and no one can stop you.”*

God welcomes our _____.

Matthew 5:4 (NLT) *God blesses those who mourn, for they will be comforted.*

Trusting the Abba who _____ us and the God with whom everything is possible, gives us a faith that _____ control and _____ to His Will.

Romans 12:1-2 (NLT) *And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. 2 Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.*

A genuine faith in God is not only faith for _____, but faith for _____.

Psalms 34:17-18 (NLT) *The Lord hears his people when they call to him for help. He rescues them from all their troubles. 18 The Lord is close to the brokenhearted; he rescues those whose spirits are crushed.*