

**Problem:**

prayerlessness -> Luke 18:1-8

fatalism, unbelief - His sovereign means to His sovereign ends

**Main Idea:**

Pray with confidence

Because of who we are

Because of whose we are

Because of who He is

Because of what we know

**Implication:**

prayer is not overcoming God's reluctance but confidently laying hold of His willingness - mueller

**Application:**

the more you know His will the more you will boldly move mountains  
but you gotta pray

**text:****Pray with confidence**

1John 5:14 And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us.

1John 5:15 And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, **we know (perfect) that we have the requests that we have asked of him.**

*we have requests vs James - James 4:1-5*

*according to His will -> Matt 26:38-39 (your will be done);*

*that we ask for -> Matt 7:7-11 (ask receive)*

*so pray with confidence -> Matt 17:14-20 (mustard seed);*

*mustard seed not an exaggeration - 1 Kings 18:1, 41-44; Josh*

10:7-13

*biggest miracle of all - Matt 19:16-26 (possible with God)*

**Because of who we are**

1John 5:16 ¶ If anyone sees his **brother** committing a sin not leading to death, **he shall ask, and God will give** him life—to those who commit sins that do not lead to death. There is sin that leads to death; I do not say that one should pray for that.

1John 5:17 All wrongdoing is sin, but there is sin that does not lead to death.

1John 5:18a **We know that everyone who has been born of God does not keep on sinning,**

*Sin leading to death - (Luke 12:10; Heb 5:11-6:8; 10:26-31; 2 Pet 2:4-22)*

*deceivers - 1 Jn 2:18-19, 26; 3:7*

*ask and God will give him life - Lk 22:31-32*

*Born of God - We know who we are 1 Jn 1:5-10 -confidence*

*together -1 Jn 2:29-3:11, 16-23 - confidence*

**Because of whose we are**

1 John 5:18b but **he who was born of God protects him**, and the evil one does not touch him.

1John 5:19 ¶ **We know that we are from God**, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.

*he who was born of God - 1 Jn 5:6-13*

*protects him - 1 Sam 17:23-47 - we know whose we are*

*how? we know we are from God - why? 1 Jn 5:1-5; Jn 16:33*

**Because of who He is**

1John 5:20 ¶ And **we know** that the Son of God has (is) come and has **given us understanding**, so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.

1John 5:21 Little children, keep yourselves from idols.

*understanding* - we know who He is - Jn 14:17; 15:26; 16:13

*idols* - weird ideas to get Him to answer - pray circles, pray in Jesus name etc. Matt 6:7-10  
but God is constantly answering prayer even in our ignorance - Rom 8:26-28

### **Because of what we know**

*but we don't need to be ignorant- Rom 12:1-2*

**Implication:** *prayer not overcoming reluctance but grasping onto His willingness*

**application:** *the more we know His will the more we can be bold in prayer*

*we know His will - John 15:7-9 regarding fruit bearing*

*we know His will - Phil 4:4-7 -regarding contentment*

*we know His will - James 1:2-5 -regarding trials*

*but we gotta pray*

### **articles for further study:**

<http://www.gotquestions.org/praying-will-of-God.html>

[https://www.monergism.com/thethreshold/articles/onsite/sov\\_prayer.html](https://www.monergism.com/thethreshold/articles/onsite/sov_prayer.html)