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DEVOTIONS CONNECTING TEENS TO CHRIST

“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. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. “Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

Luke 11:9-12

Best. Prayer. Ever. – Refrigerator privileges

Summer is a great time to do awesome things because there’s no school! For me, the summer schedule changes because my kids are home. As a result, I’m doing whatever I can to give them things to do. I’m always looking for places where they can go, sometimes even over to their friend’s houses to hang out for just a few hours.

But wherever they go I always remind them, “Their house is not your house. Don’t go looking in their fridge. Don’t go snooping around their bedrooms. Don’t go digging around their house.” The privileges they enjoy at home are not the same at other people’s houses. They don’t have those rights and privileges. They don’t have refrigerator privileges. They can’t take what they want and go wherever they please.

We’re starting a series of devotions this week on the Lord’s Prayer. It’s a prayer that we pray every Sunday. It’s a prayer that many of us have known for as long as we can remember. It’s also a prayer that we easily begin and end but lose focus halfway through. We say the words of the prayer, but don’t remember praying any of it. In this series we want to fill this prayer with meaning for you so that you can pray it and mean it.

Today, I want to leave you with this one image. You can go in God’s refrigerator. You have refrigerator privileges with God. Prayer is not going to someone else’s dad and asking for something. Prayer is going to YOUR heavenly Father in praise, in thanks, in petition, and with requests. Jesus invites you to pray. So do it. And mean it.

You can go into his fridge, and there you’ll find a richness of grace and mercy. You’ll find the gift of your baptism and the forgiveness of the Lord’s Supper. You’ll find a Father’s ear tuned to your cry. And it is all for you to come and ask for in prayer. In prayer, God your Father invites you into his house and gives you access to all of his gifts, even the refrigerator.

Prayer: Father, dear Father in heaven. You are my Father. Thank you for opening to me the gates of your heavenly kingdom, the door to your throne room. I have no right to ask on my own, but because you have made me your child I dare to ask you as boldly and confidently as children ask their dear father. Amen.