

# MESSAGE NOTES

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## “GOD’S CHILDREN HAVE CONFIDENCE IN PRAYER!”

READ: Matthew 7:9-11

<sup>9</sup> “Which of you, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? <sup>10</sup> Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? <sup>11</sup> 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 good gifts to those who ask him!

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What is one reason you can be confident in prayer?

What does the word “father” mean?

How do the characteristics of a father apply to our Heavenly Father?

- *“For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb” (Psalm 139:13).*
- *“Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you” (1 Peter 5:7).*

Why don't you always approach your Father in prayer?

How does God continue to fill the role of Father in your life?

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What is another reason you can be confident in prayer?

How would you answer Jesus' questions?

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- *“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 good gifts to those who ask him!”*

What discourages you from “asking” God in prayer?

How has God answered your prayers?

Why can we approach God with confidence?

**“Pray to God as boldly and confidently as dear children ask their dear Father!”**