

# CHAPEL

## Asking For A Friend

Why Pray?

Someone to get fired - 5%  
Not getting caught speeding - 7%  
Finding a good parking spot - 7%  
Bad things to happen to a bad person - 9%  
Favorite team to win a game - 13%  
Winning the lottery - 21%

The Bible references 650 prayers.

### Prayer killers:

- **Otherwise we will only focus on circumstances we can't control**

"For I envied the proud when I saw them prosper despite their wickedness. They seem to live in such painless lives; their bodies are so healthy and strong. They don't have troubles like other people; they're not plagued with problems like everyone else." Psalm 73:3-5

- **Otherwise we will allow compromise to grow in our lives**

"Did I keep my heart pure for nothing? Did I keep myself innocent for no reason?  
I get nothing but trouble all day long." Psalm 73:13, 14

We can make excuses or we can make progress, but we can't make both.

"So I tried to understand why the wicked prosper. But what a difficult task it is!  
Then I went into Your sanctuary, O God." Psalm 73:16, 17

### Prayer:

- **Makes me self aware**

"Then I realized that my heart was bitter, and I was all torn up inside. I was so foolish and ignorant—I must have seemed like a senseless animal to you." Psalm 73:21-22

- **Makes me God-aware**

“Whom have I in heaven but you? I desire you more than anything on earth. My health may fail, and my spirit may grow weak, but God remains the strength of my heart; He is mine forever.” Psalm 73:25-26

“Prayer changes me & then I change things.” - Oswald Chambers

- **Tests my trust**

“If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God whom we serve is able to save us. He will rescue us from your power, your majesty. But even if He doesn’t, we want to make it clear to you, your majesty, that we will never serve your gods or worship the gold statue you have set up.” Daniel 3:17-18

“But as for me, how good it is to be near God!... and I will tell everyone about the wonderful things you do.” Psalm 73:28