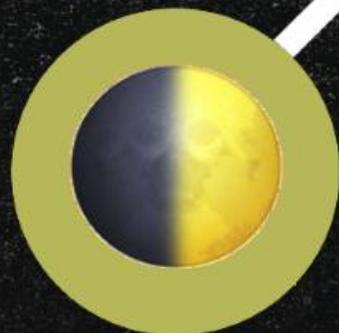


Persistent Pursuit

Matthew 7:7-11

1. What is meant by asking, seeking, and knocking?
 - a. Prayer
 - b. Pursuit
 - c. Persistence
2. For what should we ask, seek, and knock?
 - a. For the kingdom
 - b. For righteousness
 - c. For daily bread
3. How should we ask, seek, and knock?
 - a. Urgently
 - b. Accordingly
 - c. Expectantly

**BE DIFFERENT
LIVE DIFFERENT**



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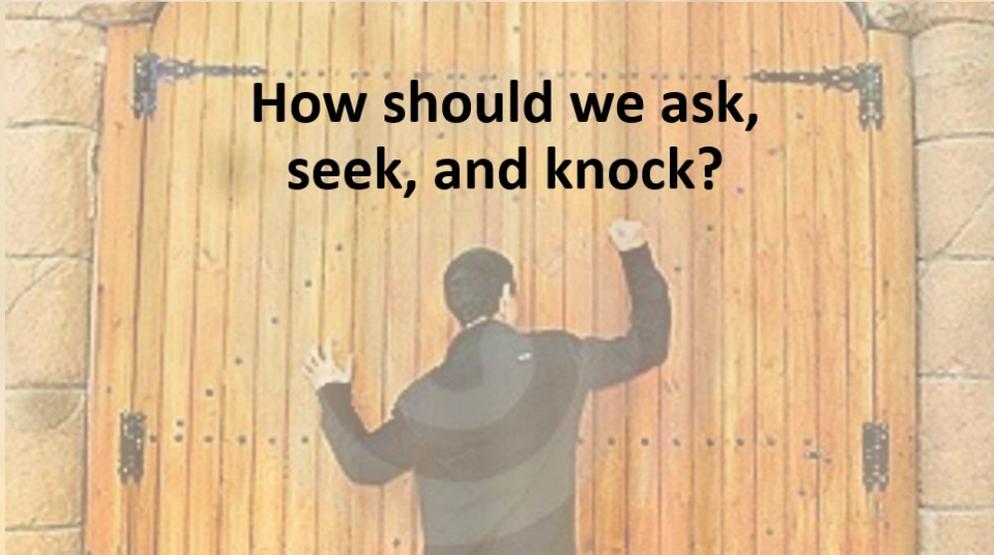
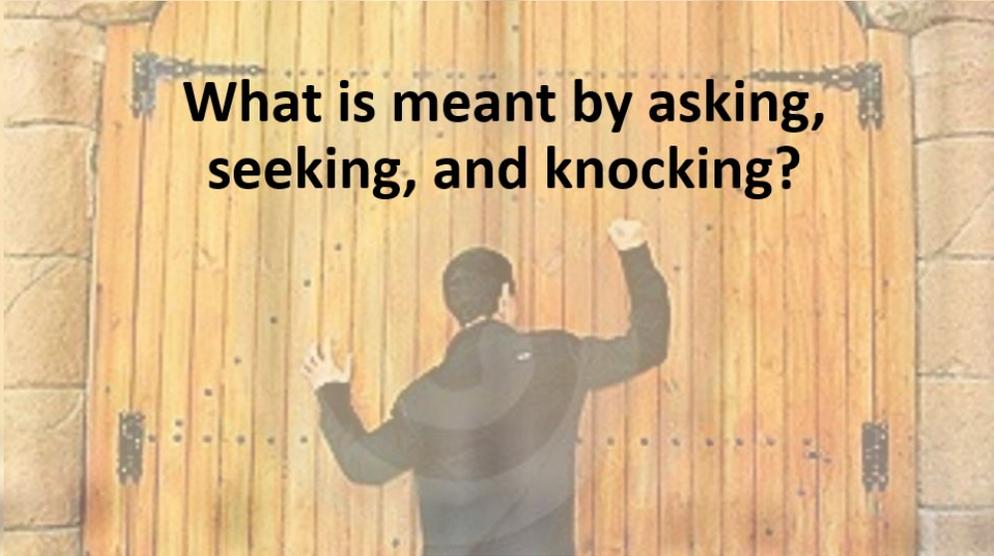


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**Jesus' command to *ask* is a
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Asking and Praying

Matthew 6:8-9

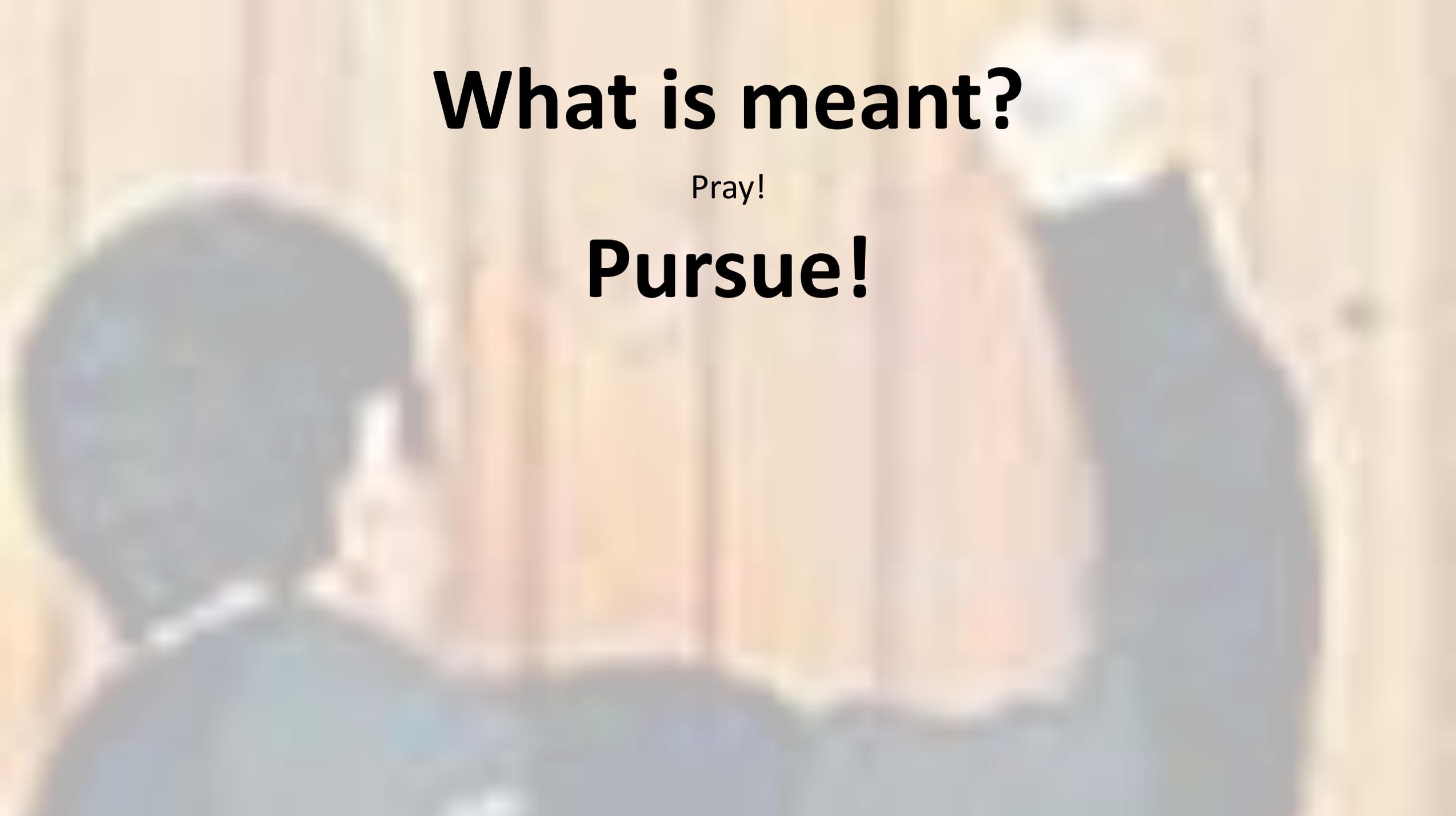
So do not be like them; for your Father knows what you need, before you **ask** Him.
Pray, then, in this way...

Matthew 21:22

And all things you **ask in prayer**, believing, you will receive.

Colossians 1:9

For this reason also, since the day we heard, we have not ceased to **pray** for you and to **ask**...

A blurred background image showing a person with dark hair, seen from the back, sitting and reading a book. The book is open, and the pages are visible. The overall scene is out of focus, emphasizing the text overlaid on it.

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**Jesus' command to *seek* is a
command to reorient
our values and our life pursuits.**

Seeking and Pursuing

Matthew 6:32-33

For the Gentiles eagerly **seek** all these things...
But you **seek first** His kingdom and His righteousness.

Matthew 13:45

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like
a merchant **seeking** fine pearls...

What are YOU seeking?

What is meant?

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Pursue!

Persist!

Matthew 7:7-8 (KLT)

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**Jesus commands persistence
because it reveals the true
values of your heart.**

Luke 11:5-10

Then He said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and goes to him at midnight, and says to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves; for a friend of mine has come to me from a journey, and I have nothing to set before him’; and from inside he answers and says, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been shut and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything’.

Luke 11:5-10

I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his persistence he will get up and give him as much as he needs.

So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

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**If you are going to persist,
your “why” will need to be
big enough.**

**For what should we ask,
seek, and knock?**



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**For what?
For the Kingdom**

Matthew 6:9-11

Pray, then, in this way:

“Our Father who is in heaven,
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Matthew 6:33

But seek first **His kingdom** and His righteousness.

**The desire to see God's kingdom
come cannot be passive;
it must be missional!**

Matthew 28:18-19

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**The desire to see God's will
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Matthew 5:6

Blessed are those who **hunger and thirst for righteousness**, for they shall be satisfied.

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**God knows what you need
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Matthew 7:8-11

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**How should we ask,
seek, and knock?**



How?
Accordingly

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**Those who love Christ will
love to please Him and will
reorder the pursuits of their
lives accordingly.**



How?

Accordingly

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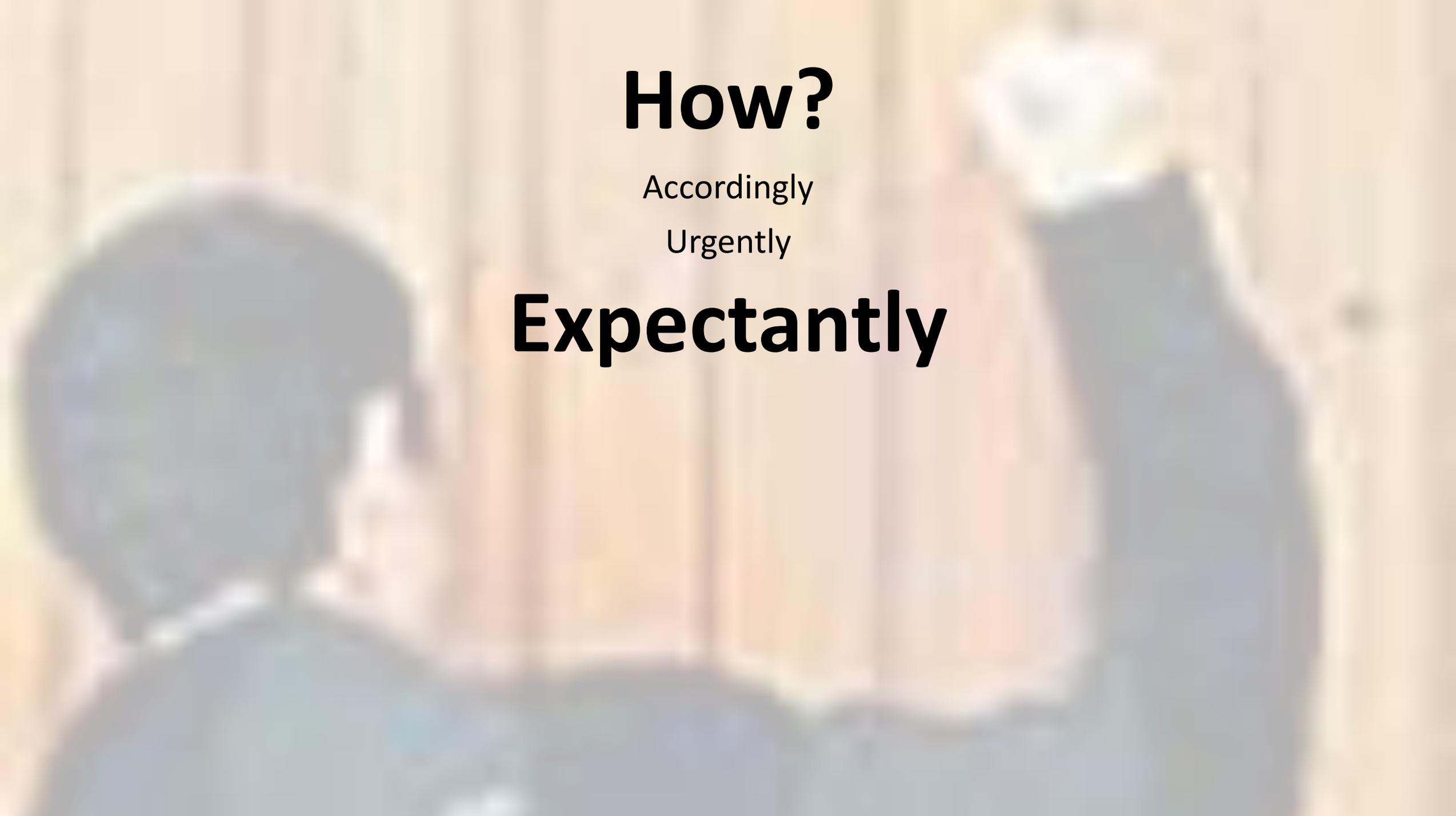
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Your willingness to keep knocking reveals the degree of importance and urgency you place on what you're seeking.



How?

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**When we persistently pursue
God for what He has promised,
we should expect that
He will provide.**

Matthew 21:22

And all things you ask in prayer,
believing, you will receive.

**What are you most persistently
pursuing in your life?**

**Are you fueling those
pursuits by stoking the
flames of the gospel?**