

THE CIRCLE MAKER

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Lesson 4: Chapters 10-11

Back on Our Knees

- When God elects to answer your prayers in **segments** just keep praying!
- God provides just **enough**, just in **time**.
- Prayer makes us **dependent** on God and not **self-sufficient**.

It's Complicated Luke 22:42-45

- God complicates our lives in order to **stretch** our spiritual muscles.
- **Comfort** the afflicted and **afflict** the comfortable
- Have the **courage** to pray, Lord complicate my life for your Glory.

God, You First Joshua 3:15

- Too often we **reside** on the **bank** of a miracle rather than in the midst of it.
- Prayer is knowing God has **prepared** provisions before you.

God Blocked IT

- God loves you enough to get in the **way** when you are heading in the **wrong** direction.
- Be thankful for the answered prayers you can **see** and those you **can't**.

Stand Still Exodus 14:13-14

- One of the most difficult things to do while waiting for God to answer your prayers is to **BE STILL**. Being still is redirecting your focus towards God.
- **Fear** can paralyze our memories of His answered prayers.

Key Thought: “Prayer is a spiritual muscle to be exercised”

Discussion Questions

1. Why is it necessary to pray? What should be your frequency of petitioning God?
2. **Read Luke 22:39-46.** What makes the life of Jesus complicated? How has that “complication” made life as we know it possible.? Is it an option in light of Jesus and His work that we live life complicated for Him? Why or why not?
3. In the account of Peter walking on water (**Matthew 14:25-33**) Jesus gives him one word “Come” and he proceeded out onto the water. What will it take for you to get out of your personal boat?