

LUKE 11.1-13

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**LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY**

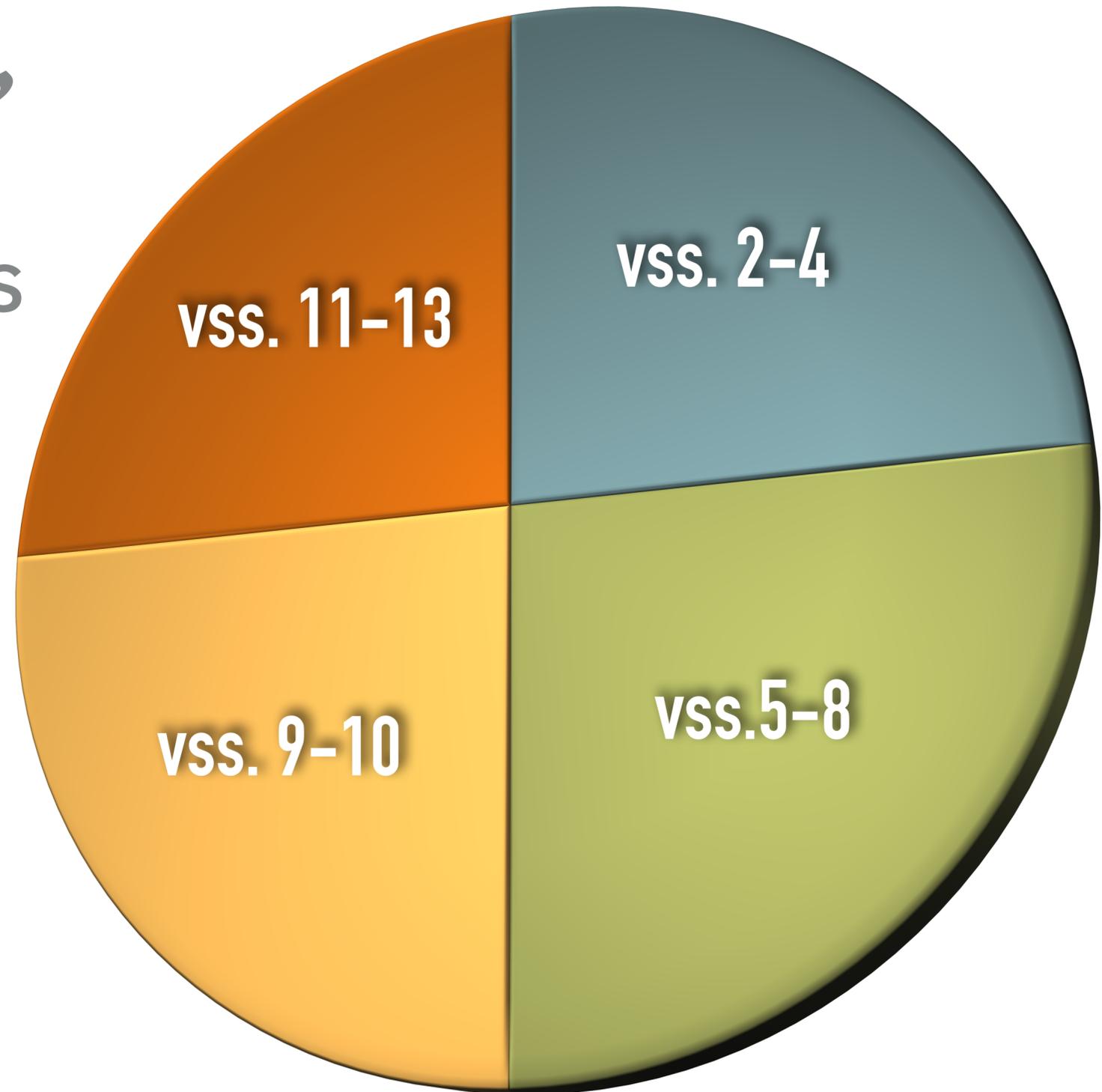
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*One day Jesus was praying in a certain place.  
When he finished, one of his disciples said to him,  
“Lord, teach us to pray,  
just as John taught his disciples.”*

*– Luke 11.1*

*“Teach us to pray”*

Jesus responded to this request by teaching four dimensions of prayer to his disciples.



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*He said to them, “When you pray, say:*

*Father, hallowed be Your name,*

*Your kingdom come.*

*Give us each day our bread.*

*Forgive us our sins,*

*for we also forgive everyone who sins against us.*

*And lead us not into temptation.”*

*– Luke 11.2-4*

## A PARADIGM FOR PRAYER—

*paradigm: an outstandingly clear or typical example or archetype*

*archetype: the original pattern or model of which all things of the same type are representations or copies*

***This is a simple pattern for prayer; but remember: behind every word Jesus speaks, there is infinite depth.***

## A PARADIGM FOR PRAYER—

- ▶ Relationship - *"Father"*
- ▶ Esteem - *"hallowed be Your name"*
- ▶ Shared values - *"Your kingdom come"*
- ▶ Dependency - *"Give us each day our daily bread"*
- ▶ Justice - *"Forgive us as we forgive"*
- ▶ Christlikeness - *"And lead us not into temptation"*

## IMPETUS FOR PRAYER—

*impetus: force that makes something happen*

- ▶ Concern enough to shamelessly ask
- ▶ Knowing I have a friend who has more than enough for my friend's need

## PERSISTENCE IN PRAYER—

- ▶ *"Ask and keep on asking"*
- ▶ *"Seek and keep on seeking"*
- ▶ *"Knock and keep on knocking"*

*If a father gives his children everything they want, when they want it, what will happen to the development of their character?*

## PRIORITY IN PRAYER—

*“If your little boy asks for a serving of fish, do you scare him with a live snake on his plate? If your little girl asks for an egg, do you trick her with a spider? As bad as you are, you wouldn't think of such a thing - you're at least decent to your own children. And don't you think the Father who conceived you in love will give the Holy Spirit when you ask him?”*

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