Dear God... #1: How To Pray When You Need God To Answer

1. Understand what God is offering you

Matthew 7:7-11 Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. "Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? 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!

2. Start to PRAY

Level 1: Beginning prayers – You pray occasionally

Level 2: Intentional prayers - You set aside time to pray

Level 3: Ongoing prayers - It becomes a constant part of your day

Get a notebook & spend 5 minutes a day praying at a consistent time

P: Praise

1 Chronicles 23:30 And each morning and evening they stood before the LORD to sing songs of thanks and praise to him.

R: Repent

I John 1:8-10 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar...

A: Ask

Ephesians 3:20 Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us.

Y: Yield

Luke 22:42 Father, if you are willing, please take this cup of suffering away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine.