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11:5-8 *Pray boldly.* When it comes to prayer, the people of God are not to come to him timidly, wondering whether our God wants to hear from us. Rather, we are to come with all the confidence of sons and daughters of the King.

11:9-10 *Pray expectantly.* Our prayers are to be offered in the kind of expectant hope that comes from having a relationship with our loving Father. We are to pray knowing that he hears and cares for us.

11:11-13 *Pray trustingly.* We are to pray with trust that God will do precisely and perfectly what is best – and that we can trust God’s response as being exactly what we need.

Background: Just as **Matthew** prefaced the Lord’s Prayer with teachings from Jesus about our heart in prayer, **Luke** contains further teachings of Jesus on how to approach God in prayer.

The Point: Every Christian is to approach the Lord directly and with faith. This is different from being rude or demanding. Instead, it is all about trusting our God’s promises to us.

Head: Prayer is how we call on our God – we need to know that we can, and ought, to pray bold prayers.

Heart: Believe that the Lord has given you the blessing of praying to him. Believe that prayer is part of your relationship with our faithful God.

Hands: How will you pray according to these patterns that Christ has given? How should your praying change?

Here is how I will apply these truths: _____
