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2. Have you ever imagined God as being similar to the reluctant neighbor? Why or why not?
3. Does v.8 suggest we should just bug God more to get what we want? Why or why not?
4. Why does God delay to answer prayers that seemingly would be for His glory to answer now? Consider John 11:5-6.
5. How do we know when (if at all) to stop persisting in prayer when God doesn't answer? Consider 2Corinthians 12:7-10
6. As you compare verses 9 & 10 to every-day life, how do you make sense of these promises? Is there anything that can nullify verses 9-10? (Are these conditional promises?) See James 4:3
7. What do vv.9&13 suggest to us about God's willingness to answer our prayers?
8. Read Matthew 7:11 and compare it to v.13. What's different and how would you explain the difference?
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