

HELP LORD!

Part 1: Expanding The Borders

CONVENTIONAL HELP PERSPECTIVES

- ❖ **Ways we approach God for help**
 - ◆ Reality check - God if you are real then help
 - ◆ Negotiating - God if you'll get me out of this then I will ...
 - ◆ Last resort - we have tried everything else I guess we need to pray
- ❖ **Help on another level - "but wait there's more"**
 - ◆ More than interacting with God in an emergency
 - ◆ His help is part of our relationship with Him (*Psalm 27:1 NKJV*)

GOD'S HELP IN A CRITICAL TIME

- ❖ **Abraham believed that God would help him (*Genesis 24:1, 3-7 NIV*)**
 - ◆ God had blessed him and helped him in many different areas
- ❖ **The servant faced a tough task**
 - ◆ Go to a strange town and find a wife - but do not take the son back
- ❖ **The servant prayed for God's help (*Genesis 24:12-21 NIV*)**
 - ◆ God gave him a great idea
 - ◆ God gave him favor with Rebekah and her family
- ❖ **The servant acknowledged that God had helped him (*Genesis 24:26-27 NIV*)**
 - ◆ He did not take credit for the plan or the results

EXPANDING THE BORDERS OF GOD'S HELP FOR YOU

- ❖ **Dare to believe that God will help you**
 - ◆ Too easy to fall into the trap of believing God's goodness is for others
 - ◆ Base your beliefs on God's character and nature (*Matthew 7:11 NLT*)
- ❖ **Recognize how God's help comes your way**
 - ◆ He still gives great ideas
 - ◆ He still gives favor - God causing people to just like you, lean your way (*Psalm 5:12 NIV*)
 - ◆ Angelic help - angels have shown up all through scripture
- ❖ **Began to live more connected to God**
 - ◆ Abraham said that he "walked before God"
 - ◆ Acknowledge God's help
 - ◆ Thank God for His help (*Psalm 69:30 NKJV*)