

Read: Genesis 18:20-32

I've Got Questions...

Genesis 18:22-23

The men turned away and went toward Sodom, but Abraham remained standing before the LORD. Then Abraham approached him and said: "Will you sweep away the righteous with the wicked?"

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

If you had a question for the President of the United States, do you think you could just walk up to the front door of his house, knock on the door, and then ask your question when he opened the door?

No way!

The President is really busy and important. Even if you did manage to get some time with him to ask your questions, you would probably only be able to do that once, and maybe for just a few short minutes.

It can be hard to get important and powerful people to pay attention to you, especially the younger you are. Now, look at the amazing thing that happens in this Bible story. "Abraham remained standing before the LORD. Then Abraham approached him and said..."

Abraham approached God to talk to him! If the President is a powerful and busy guy, imagine how busy God must be! He takes care of everyone on earth. He sends rain to water the grass and cause crops to grow. He makes sure the animals have food. He causes the sun to rise and set. Yet, Abraham was able to approach and talk to God! And he kept talking to God!

Talking to God—that is what prayer is. What a neat thing you and I can do—anytime and from any place—we can talk to God about anything! God is never too busy to listen to us.

But why? Why would God want to listen to Abraham, or to you? God wants you to talk to him because you are important to him! He wants to listen to you because he loves you. He hears all of your prayers and answers them because Jesus forgave all your sins. God wants you to keep talking to him, every day and about everything, because at your baptism, God made you his child. Because of who God is and what he has done for you, you can, like Abraham, approach God and talk to him!

Whether you've got questions, things you are afraid of, or something that makes you really happy and thankful—all are great things to talk to God about!

The questions below are to help families discuss this devotion. The questions are divided by age group as suggestions, but anyone could reflect on any of the questions as they desire.

Questions for the Younger Children

- If you could ask God any question, what would it be?
- Who is the most important person you have ever talked to?

Questions for Elementary Age Children

- Why can you approach God and talk to him like Abraham?
- Make a list of things you always wanted to talk to God about. Which do you want to talk to him about today?

Questions for Middle School and Above

- Why does God want you talk to him?
- What do you think God wants you talk to him about?

Closing Prayer:

God, thank you for never being too busy to listen when I talk to you about all the things going on in my life. Amen.