

# Teach Us To Pray, Week 4

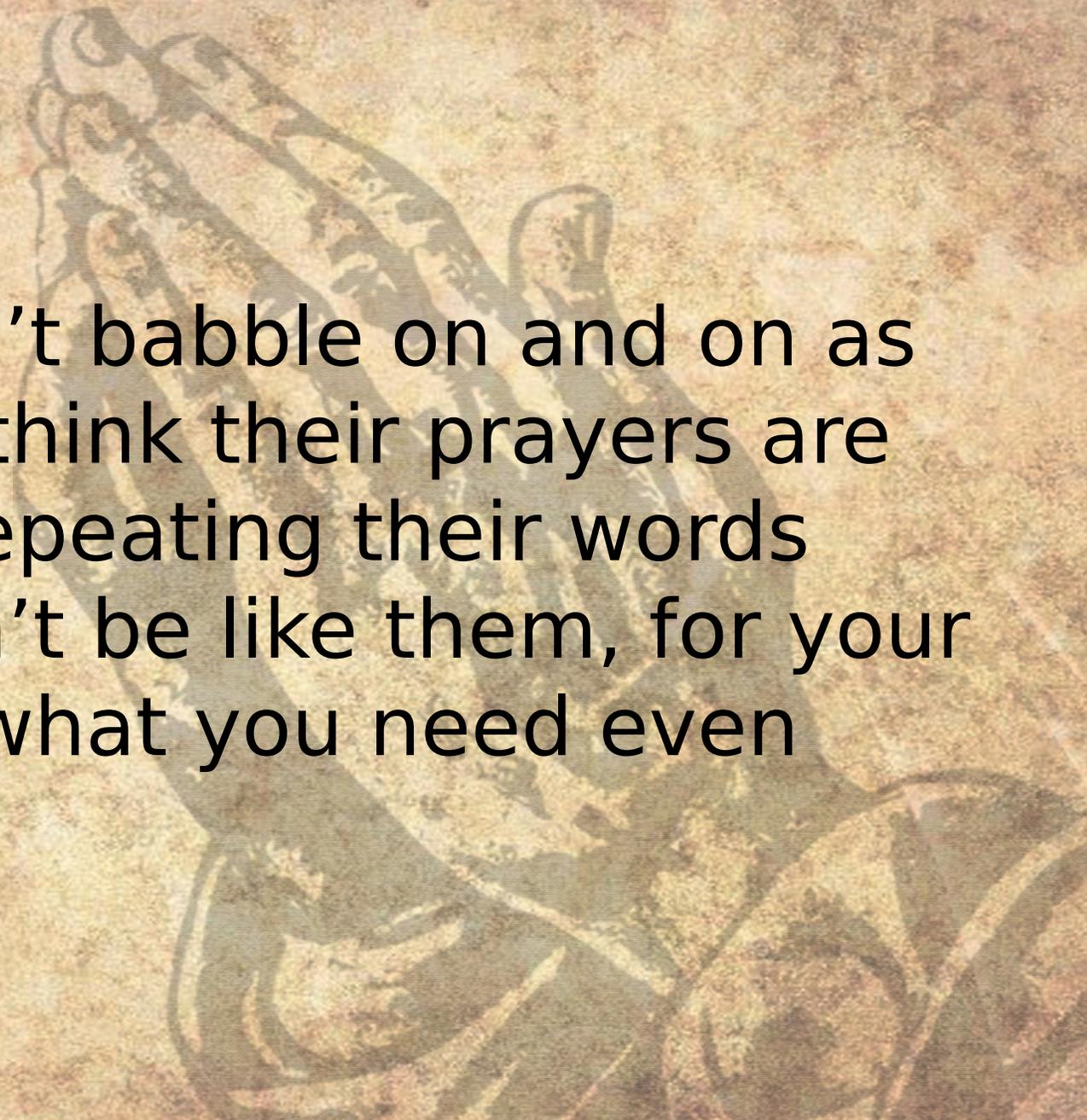
Luke 11:1-13 and Matthew  
6:5-8 NLT

## Luke 11:1

1 Once Jesus was in a certain place praying. As he finished, one of his disciples came to him and said, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.”

## Matthew 6:5-8

5 “When you pray, don’t be like the hypocrites who love to pray publicly on street corners and in the synagogues where everyone can see them. I tell you the truth, that is all the reward they will ever get. 6 But when you pray, go away by yourself, shut the door behind you, and pray to your Father in private. Then your Father, who sees everything, will reward you.



7 “When you pray, don’t babble on and on as the Gentiles do. They think their prayers are answered merely by repeating their words again and again. 8 Don’t be like them, for your Father knows exactly what you need even before you ask him!

I. We pray to be heard by God, not to be seen by men.

Matthew 6:5-6

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II. God isn't **impressed** by the length or eloquence of our prayers, but by our **hearts.**

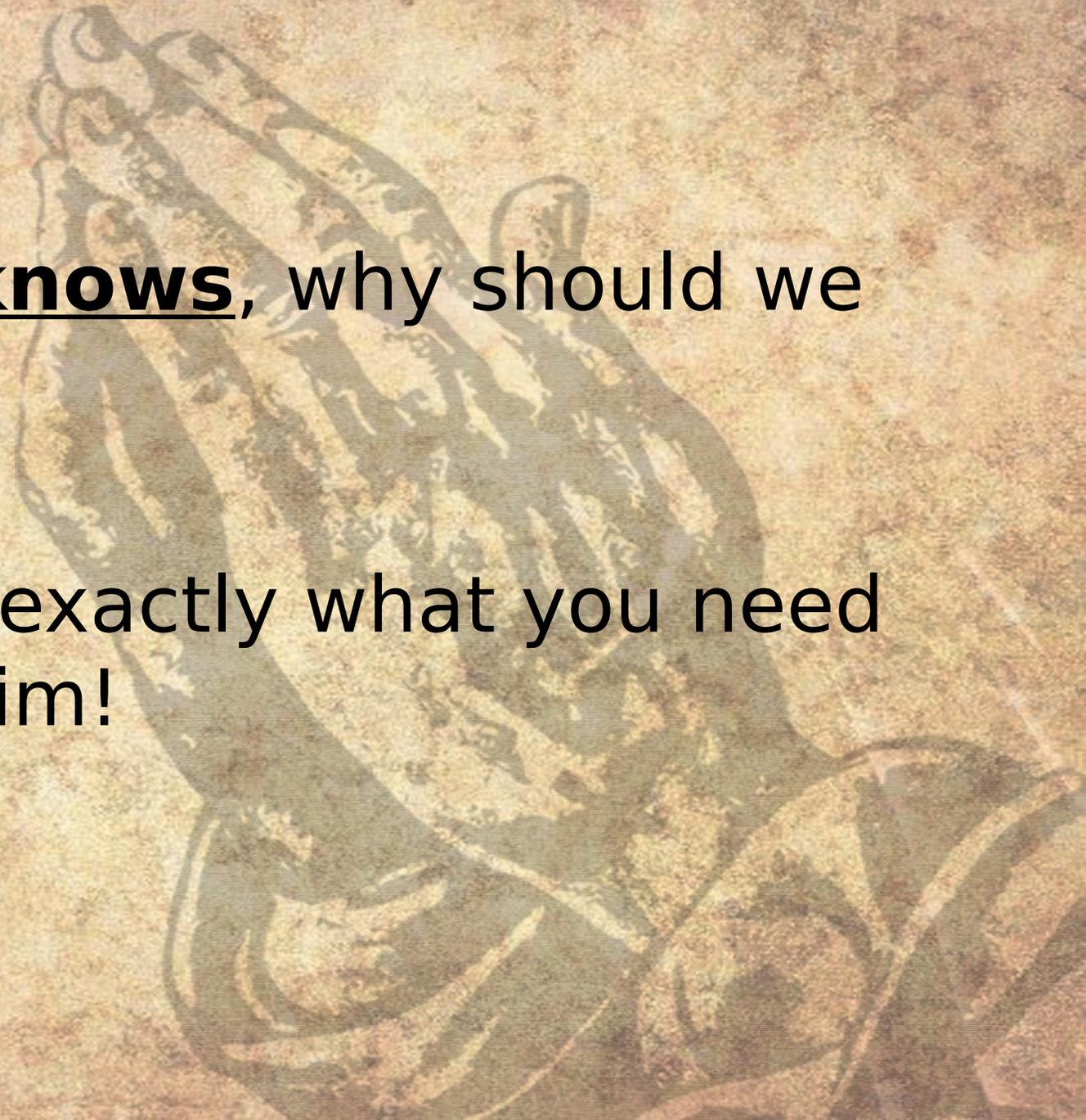
Matthew 6:7-8a

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III. Since God already **knows**, why should we **pray**?

Matthew 6:8b

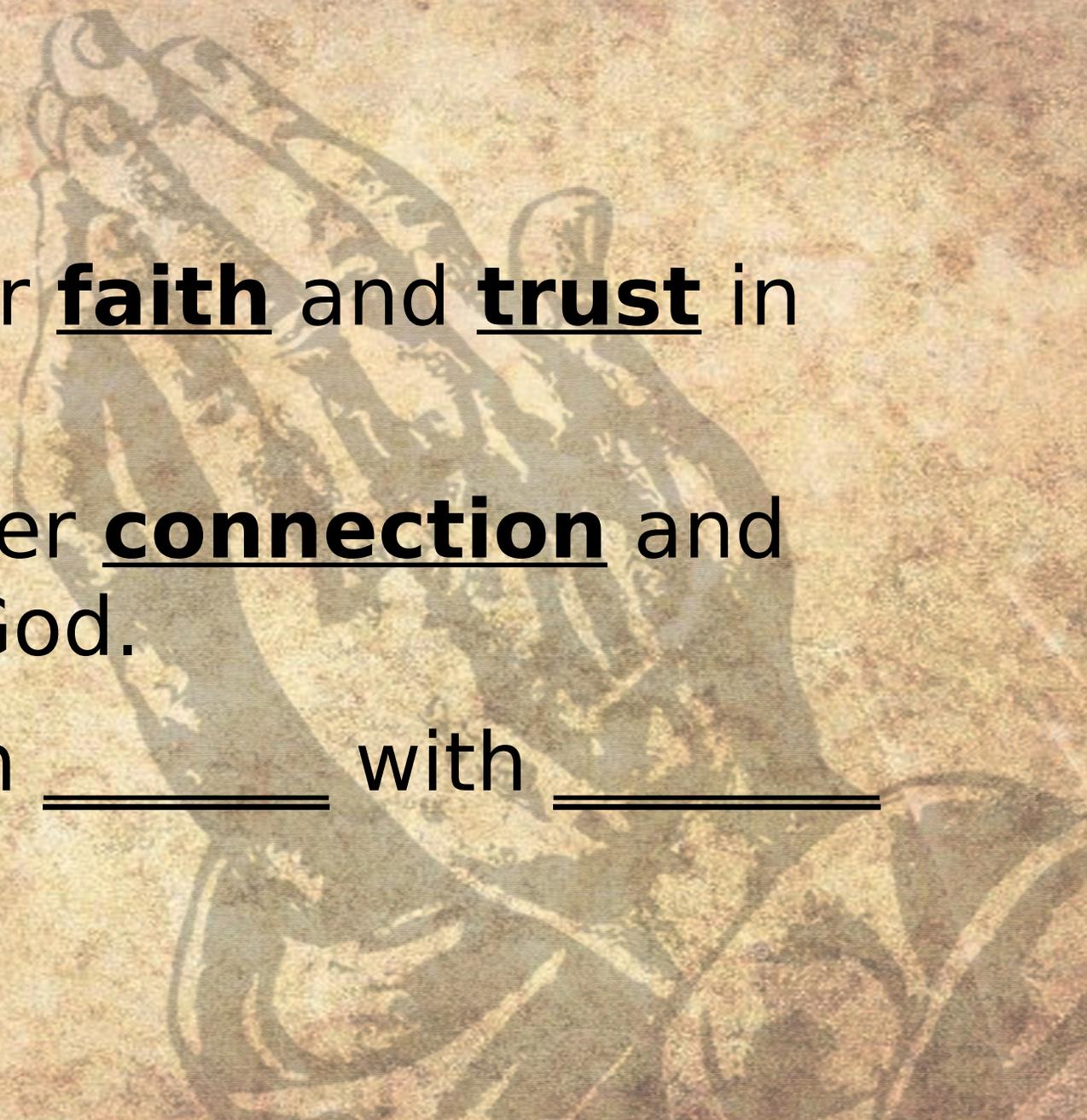
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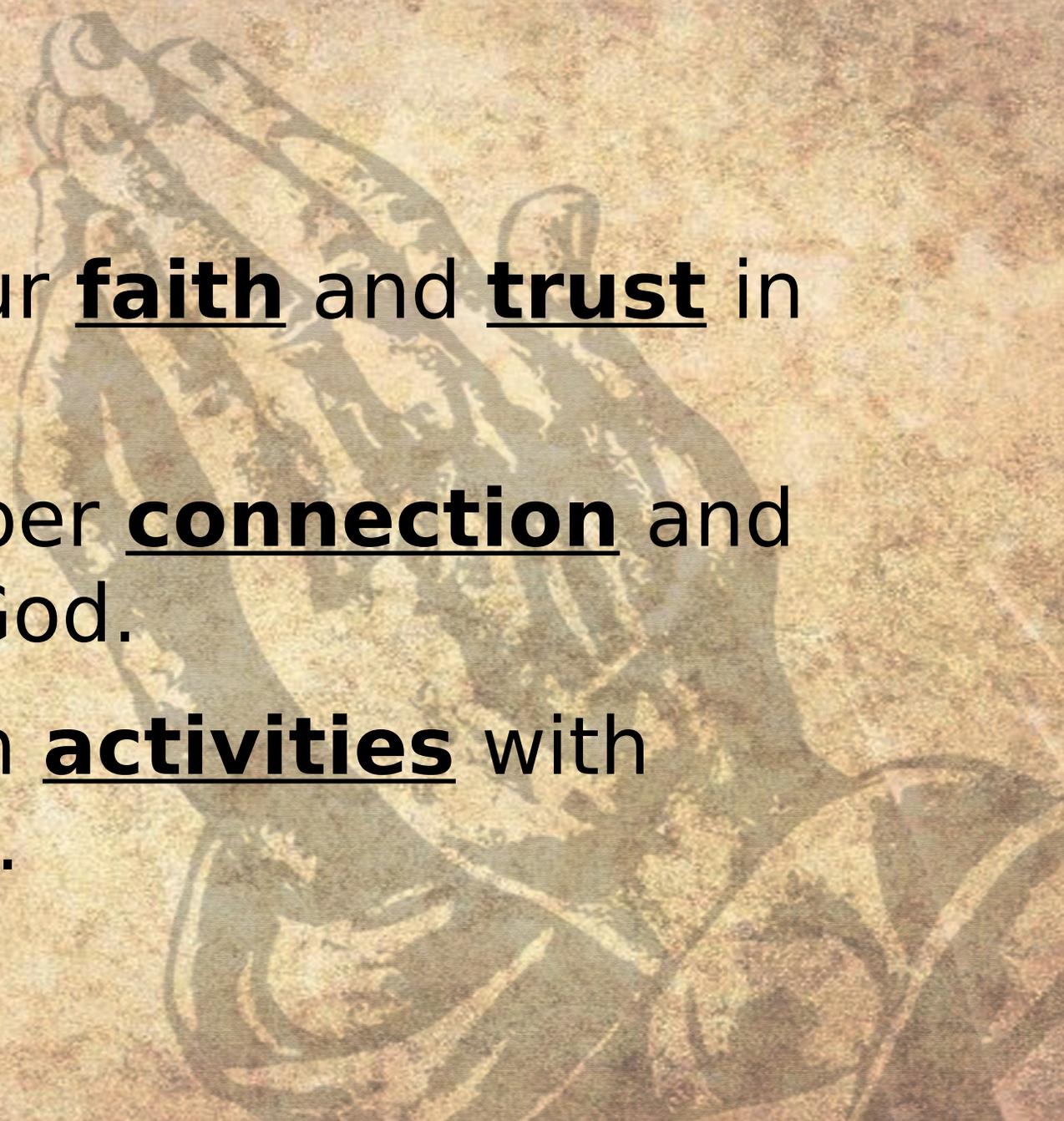
3. Prayer involves us in \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ importance.



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1. Prayer expresses our **faith** and **trust** in God.
  2. Prayer creates deeper **connection** and **relationship** with God.
  3. Prayer involves us in **activities** with **eternal** importance.