

WEEK 1 - TUESDAY JULY 21st

Breaking in the Habit - Why Doesn't God Answer Our Prayers?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ABVO8d8Uveo>

### Answering Prayers Right Away

What are some things you've prayed for over the years? Have there been any instances like Fr. Casey's where you prayed for something and God answered your prayer right away?

How about a time when your prayers were not answered?

- God makes all things new - He can and does use all things for good, if we let Him show us
- God's 3 responses to our prayers - Yes, Not Yet, or I have something better in mind.
- For death of a loved one knowing that we can pray for the repose of their soul and offer up our sufferings for their purification

### Asking for the wrong things: (2:45ish)

Have you prayed for something specific that later ended up not being something you needed, like Fr. Casey shared with his breakup?

Asking for the wrong things - God answers yes, not yet, or I have something better in mind - in this case, the "I have something better in mind" response for Fr. Casey was his true vocation as a priest. God knows our hearts and desires better than we know ourselves, and our vocation is one that will allow us to experience life to the fullest degree of happiness and service of God using our gifts and strengths.

### Failing to see when our prayers are answered - 4mins

How many times have you prayed for something and not noticed? Failed to give thanks to God?

Walkie talkie analogy - let the button go! We need to give God space to answer.

### 7:17 fundamentally skewed understanding of what prayer is

We don't pray because God needs it, we pray because we need it

Danger of approaching God as a genie - trying to conform God's will to ours instead of the other way around

Prayer isn't about convincing God to be more like us, but allowing God to transform us to be more like Him (7:50)

3 RESPONSES - YES, NOT YET, I HAVE SOMETHING BETTER