

My Smallest Answer To Prayer

*F*red, a former college roommate of mine, came for a visit one Sunday. We decided to drive over to see Dr. Moser, our old Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship student faculty advisor. As we sat in his living room, Fred and Dr. Moser were to my left on the couch. To my right, behind me in the far corner of the room, was a TV with a Sunday afternoon football game in progress. Every time I would hear the crowd roar on TV, I'd turn to see what was happening. I became self-conscious that this behavior was rather rude, that I wasn't being a very good listener. Across from me, on the other side of the room, lying on the floor, was a football which belonged to one of Dr. Moser's sons. For some reason I thought, "If I could just hold that football it would take my mind off the game and I could better concentrate on the conversation." I was also aware that I would feel awkward and a bit embarrassed to stand up, walk over and get the football. What made me pray, I don't know, but I simply prayed: "Lord if you want me to have the football fine, and if not, OK."

Immediately Dr. Moser's little terrier dog, which had been napping, got up, walked over to the football, bounced it around a couple of times with his nose, picked it up by the laces, walked over, and dropped it at my feet. I about went through the back of the couch. I was totally blown away to think that God would care about something so small.

It brings me back to what James 4:2 says, "You do not have because you do not ask." One of the greatest mysteries of life, and one of the most awesome privileges we as Christians have, is the gift of prayer. It is not that we pray for too much, but rather than we pray far too little. Scripture is full of wonderful promises related to prayer, that if we have faith the size of a grain of mustard seed (small) that we can pray and our faith can move mountains, even a football. May I encourage you to read the following passages about prayer: I John 3:22; II Thessalonians 1:11,12; Ephesians 3:20; John 15:7,8; and Matthew 21:21,22. God desires to bless you far more than you can imagine, especially in the realm of prayer. Why? Because He loves you far more than you can imagine.

