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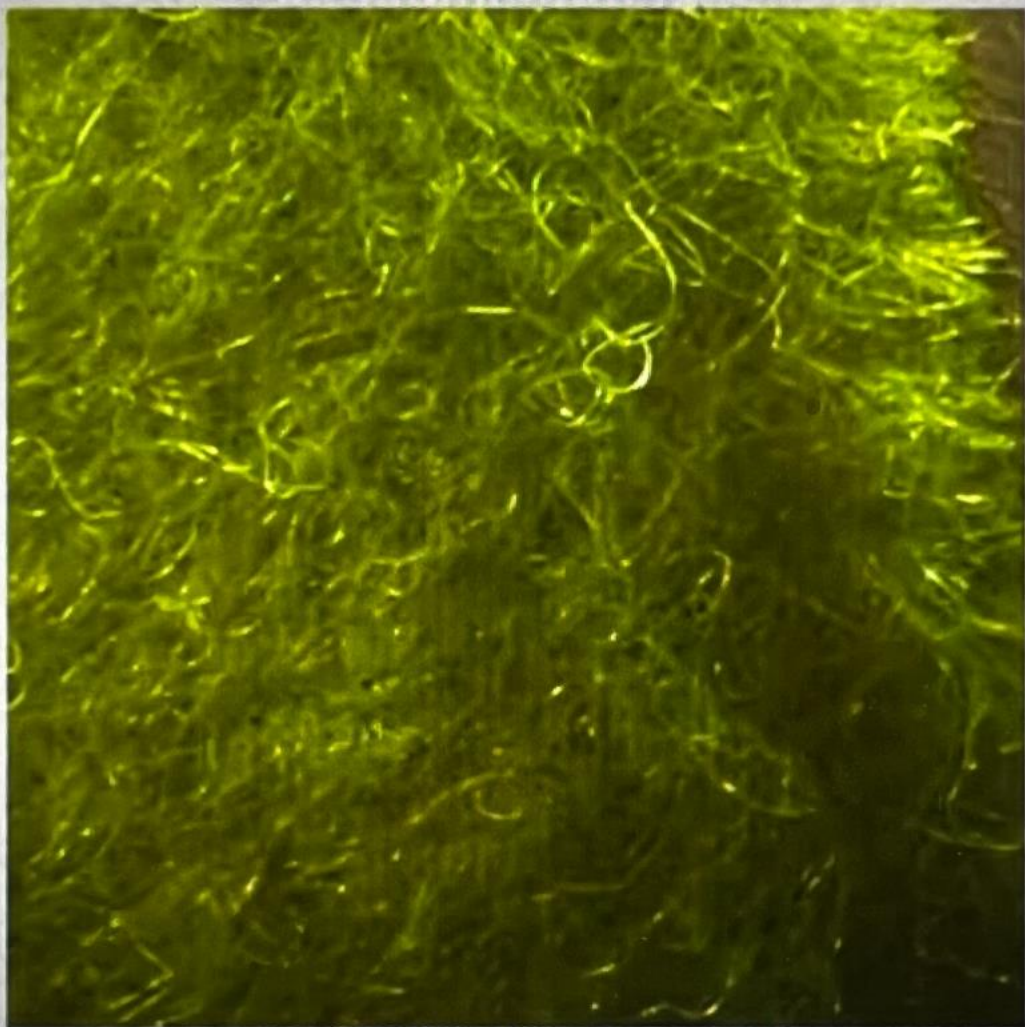
*the sermon on the mount*



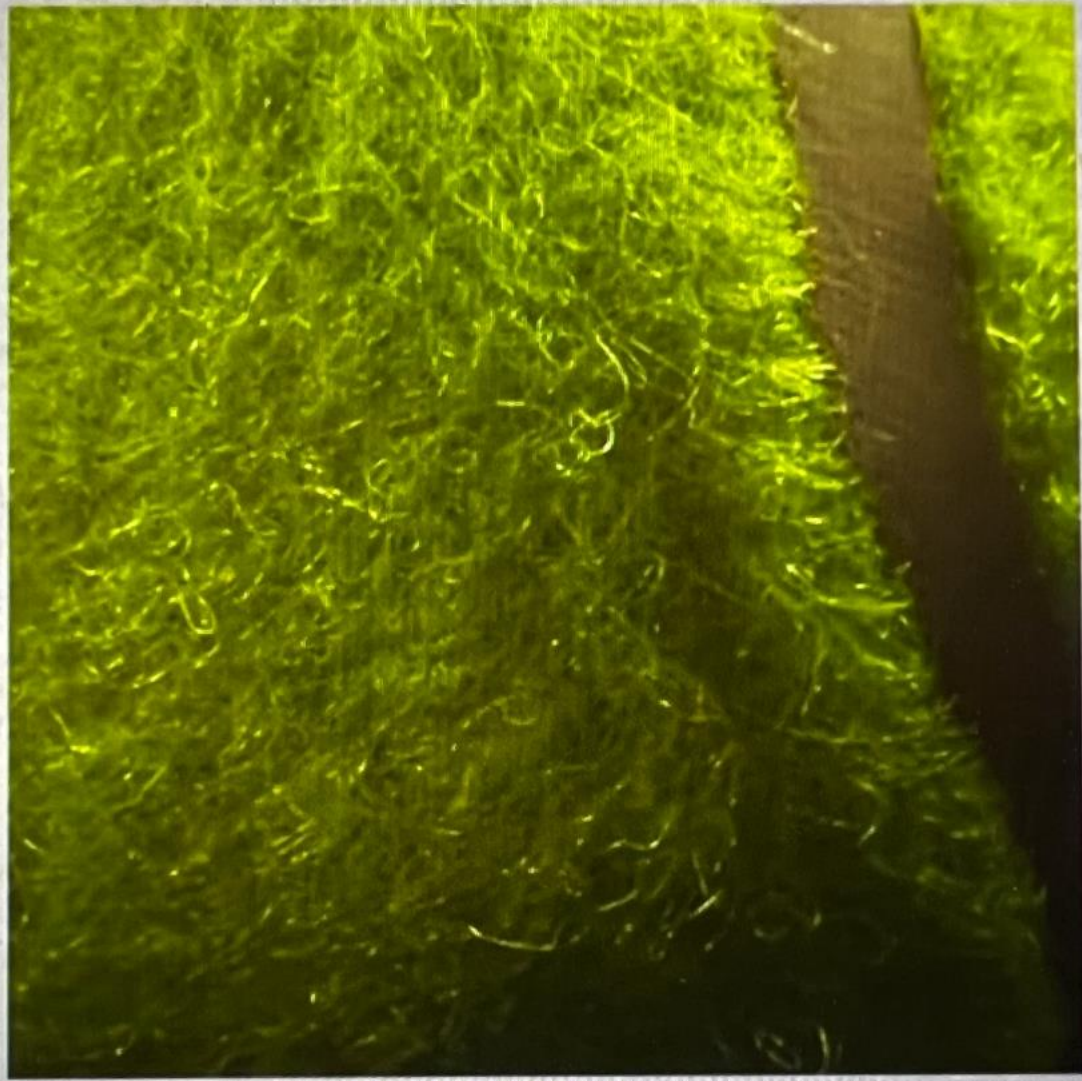
ASK EXPECTANTLY



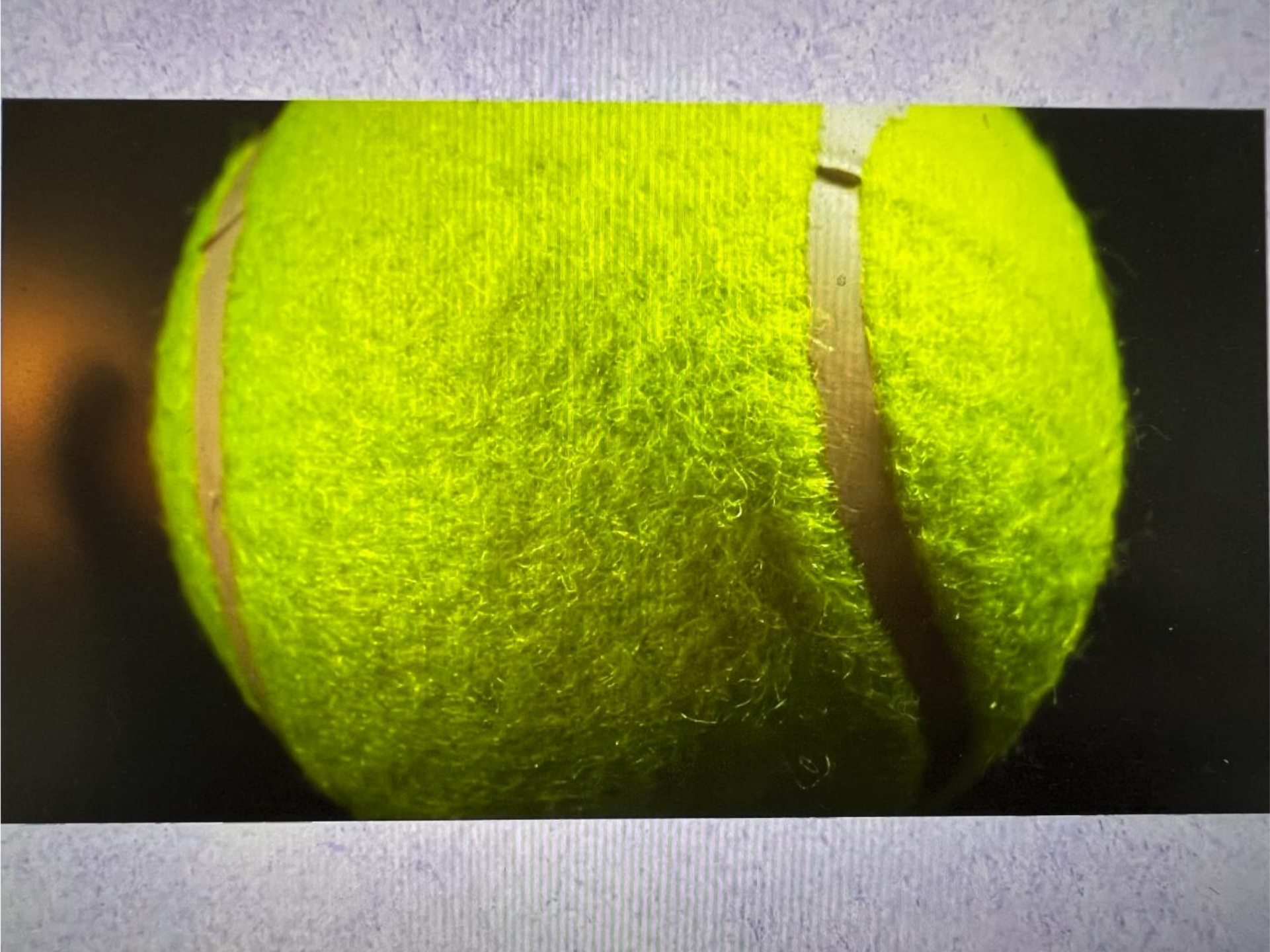














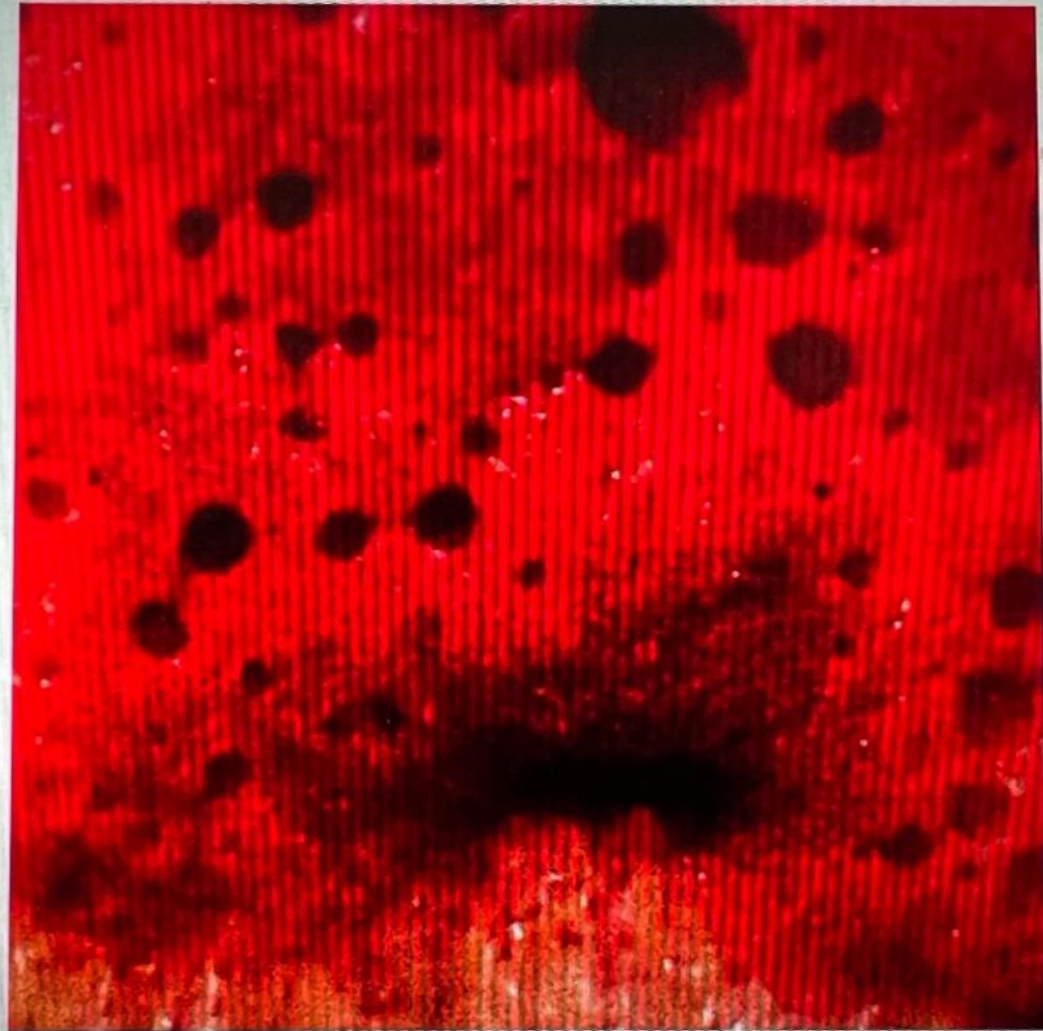




















*“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.”*

MATTHEW 7:7-8





"PRAYER IS NOT OVERCOMING GOD'S  
RELUCTANCE. IT IS LAYING HOLD OF  
HIS HIGHEST WILLINGNESS.  
PERSISTENCE IN PRAYER IS NOT AN  
ATTEMPT TO CHANGE GOD'S MIND BUT  
TO GET OURSELVES TO THE PLACE  
WHERE HE CAN TRUST US WITH THE  
ANSWER."

PHILLIPS BROOKS



*“Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.”*

JOHN 14:13-14





"GOD WILL EITHER GIVE US WHAT WE  
ASK OR GIVE US WHAT WE WOULD  
HAVE ASKED IF WE KNEW EVERYTHING  
HE KNEW."

TIM KELLER



WHAT KEEPS US FROM ASKING,  
SEEKING, KNOCKING?

WE BELIEVE PRAYER DOESN'T WORK.





"A MAN WHO KNEW EMPIRICALLY THAT  
AN EVENT HAD BEEN CAUSED BY HIS  
PRAYER WOULD FEEL LIKE A MAGICIAN.  
HIS HEAD WOULD TURN, AND HIS HEART  
WOULD BE CORRUPTED. THE CHRISTIAN  
IS NOT TO ASK WHETHER THIS OR THAT  
EVENT HAPPENED BECAUSE OF A  
PRAYER..."



"...HE IS RATHER TO BELIEVE THAT ALL  
EVENTS, WITHOUT EXCEPTION, ARE  
ANSWERS TO PRAYER IN THE SENSE  
THAT...THE PRAYERS OF ALL  
CONCERNED AND THEIR NEEDS HAVE  
BEEN TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT. ALL  
PRAYERS ARE HEARD, THOUGH NOT ALL  
PRAYERS ARE GRANTED."

C.S. LEWIS





WHAT KEEPS US FROM ASKING,  
SEEKING, KNOCKING?

WE BELIEVE GOD ALREADY KNOWS  
WHAT WE NEED.



GOD HAS A SOVEREIGN PLAN, BUT  
PART OF HIS PLAN IS THAT WE PRAY.





WHAT KEEPS US FROM ASKING,  
SEEKING, KNOCKING?

WE BELIEVE WE NEED PERFECT  
CONDITIONS TO PRAY.



WHAT KEEPS US FROM ASKING,  
SEEKING, KNOCKING?

WE FAIL TO KNOW GOD AS OUR  
FATHER.





*“Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!”*

MATTHEW 7:9–11



WHY YOU PRAY WILL DETERMINE HOW  
YOU PRAY.





*“He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.”*

JOHN 1:11-12



"YOU SEE NOW WHY WE SHOULD THANK GOD THAT ASKING, SEEKING, AND KNOCKING DO NOT MEAN THAT IF WE ASK FOR ANYTHING WE LIKE WE SHALL GET IT. WHAT IT MEANS IS THIS: ASK FOR ANY ONE OF THESE THINGS THAT IS GOOD FOR YOU, THAT IS FOR THE SALVATION OF YOUR SOUL, YOUR ULTIMATE PERFECTION, ANYTHING THAT BRINGS YOU NEARER TO GOD AND ENLARGES YOUR LIFE AND IS THOROUGHLY GOOD FOR YOU, AND HE WILL GIVE IT TO YOU."

D. MARTYN LLOYD-JONES

