Psalm 37:3-5  

1. Argue with God concerning His promises.
   - Jacob was afraid when returning to Jabbok to meet Esau. He reminded God of His promise.
     - Genesis 32:12 And thou saidst, I will surely do thee good, and make thy seed as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude.
   - He prayed, “Lord, remember what You said?” This is one of the best ways to get your prayers answered. Get a Scripture in the Bible where God makes a promise, and take it to God. Say, “God, look at this! You promised!”
   - It’s like someone making notes of a conversation they had with you. If you are a man of your word, you will fulfill the promises you made to someone when they remind you of them. God is a man of His Word! Hold Him to it!
This 'reminding' is what prayer is all about! The word “praying” means to ask. Do you want something? Ask something? (i.e. kids whining!) Prayer is not whining to God, it is asking God for something! Command ye me!

The secret to getting things from God is not how long you pray, or how loud you pray, but simply how you pray! (i.e. long-winded preacher told sick man died while he was “in China”)

2 Samuel 7:25 And now, O LORD God, the word that thou hast spoken concerning thy servant, and concerning his house, establish it for ever, and do as thou hast said.

John 15:7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

God’s promises are a cheque that you have a right to cash! Get a promise from the Bible, come to God in prayer and claim it. Argue with Him!

2. Argue with God concerning His reputation.

On Mount Carmel, Elijah prayed, “God, Your reputation is at stake – show Yourself to us!”

1 Kings 18:36-37 And it came to pass at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near, and said, LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that thou art God in Israel, and that I am thy servant, and that I have done all these things at thy word. Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that thou art the LORD God, and that thou hast turned their heart back again.

Because of Israel’s rebellion, God was not going to go with them to the Promised Land. Moses said, “God, I am not going unless You go with me.” Because He insisted, God finally relented and told Moses what to do so that Israel could find a place of repentance.

Moses didn’t pray a big formal prayer, he simply told God straight out what he wanted.

Exodus 33:11 And the LORD spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend. And he turned again into the camp: but his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, departed not out of the tabernacle.

Have you ever seen anyone who wanted to be begged? “Let’s go out to eat.” “No, you go ahead.” “Come on, we want you to go.” “Oh no, I’m not hungry anyway.” “But we want you – it wouldn’t be the same without you.” “Aww, I would just be in the way, you don’t want me.” The truth is, they are dying to go! What they want is for you to convince them that YOU want them to go! GOD WANTED TO KNOW THAT MOSES REALLY WANTED HIM TO GO!

Hezekiah spread the threatening letter from Sennacherib before the Lord. “God, if these heathen win this battle, they will think You are not the true God. Your reputation is at stake!”

2 Kings 19:19 Now therefore, O LORD our God, I beseech thee, save thou us out of his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that thou art the LORD God, even thou only.

3. Argue with God concerning His attributes.

When God has not yet answered your prayer, return to Him and say, “God, that is not like You!”

Have you ever seen someone who wanted something from someone “brag on them” before they made the request? They have to do it, because they have been reminded of their attributes!

You can come to God like that. Abraham did when Sodom was about to be destroyed.

Genesis 18:25 That be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked: and that the righteous should be as the wicked, that be far from thee: Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?

4. Argue with God concerning His record.

Remind God of His record. “God, You started this – I’m just calling on You to finish what You started!”

Psalm 27:9 Hide not thy face far from me; put not thy servant away in anger: thou hast been my help; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

Numbers 14:13 And Moses said unto the LORD, Then the Egyptians shall hear it, (for thou broughtest up this people in thy might from among them;)

Why did Israel always pray to “the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob?” They were reminding God of His record! Remind God of what He has done in the past!

Perhaps more people would get answers to their prayers if they were careful to promote God’s record instead of their own when they do get an answer! “God, I will tell this answer far and wide – for Your glory!”

God’s hand is not shortened and His ear is not heavy! How important is your request to you? Why don’t you argue?! God invites you to prove His promises!

Isaiah 59:1 Behold, the LORD’S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear:
Malachi 3:10  Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.