



Hardest Prayer You'll Ever Pray...

WEEK 6 • "Give us this day our daily bread..." • Matthew 6:5-15, ESV

⁵"And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ⁶But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ⁷"And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. ⁸Do not be like them, for

your Father knows what you need before you ask him. ⁹Pray then like this: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. ¹⁰Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹Give us this day our daily bread, ¹²and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. ¹³And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. ¹⁴For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, ¹⁵but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

"IF YOU COULD HAVE ANYTHING YOU WANTED, WHAT WOULD IT BE?"

1.)

2.)

3.)

What would you do with the fictitious 3 wishes? If I stop long enough to think about it I have a long list of things that I _____/_____/_____ _____/_____/_____.
_____/_____ _____/_____ _____ one day what about you? What things are on your "I'll be happy when" list?

BORIS BECKER, GERMAN TENNIS STAR

When he won his 3rd Grand Slam in Tennis he was asked what the hardest challenge facing him then was and he responded, "Trying to think of a reason _____!"
We live in a country where we cannot figure out why money hasn't given Bill Gates happiness and why the lack of it hasn't kept the janitor at the local high school from singing in the hall.

PLAYSCHOOL MAILBOX IN EACH OF US!

St Augustine • Rev. Scott Sherman • Jean Larroux

The _____ that fits our hearts is God-Shaped. Psalm 62 says,
"My soul finds rest in God alone; my salvation comes from Him. He alone is my rock and my salvation; He is my fortress, I will never be shaken!"

TODAY'S HARD PRAYER IS ONE OF CONTENTMENT

Jesus instructs us to pray this prayer of _____; A prayer of _____ for our souls; A prayer that you _____pray until that God-shaped piece is in the mailbox.

IN THIS PRAYER WE REQUEST THAT GOD GIVE US _____ TODAY TO
KEEP US _____ ON HIM TOMORROW.

Think about that. Let that sink in. Marinate in that truth.

Unless having God is enough for you, _____ ever will be.

BACK TO THE OLD TESTAMENT TO LEARN ABOUT THE ORIGINAL DAILY BREAD!

. Exodus 16:1-5; 12-26 -This is the original 'Daily Bread' called manna! -Each day God brought down bread from heaven to meet the physical needs of His people. Exodus 16:12 holds the key, "Then you will know that I am the _____ your _____!"

God gave Israel 'Daily Bread' that was here 1 day and gone or rotting the next for 1 reason:

SIMPLE: DAILY _____, MEANT DAILY _____!

God gives His people Just enough to keep them dependent on Him- Daily!

THE CRAB FESTIVAL PRINCIPLE

At the end of the day, going to the fair wasn't about the fair, it was about Him being with us, showing us how much he loved us. The reason for *Daily Bread* in verse 12 wasn't a supply problem! It was so that "you will know that I am the Lord your God!" The bread wasn't about bread. God could have put Starbucks with a bagel bar in the desert— it was about HIM!

ARE WE REALLY READY TO PRAY FOR 'DAILY' BREAD?

Are you and I ready to ask God to only give you enough to keep you dependent on Him? Are you and I ready to stop trying to find 'rest' in bread that rots and ask Him *daily* for Daily Bread?

IF YOU'RE MAD AND YOU KNOW IT, RE-PENT!

Are you mad at God because of what He _____ given you or what He _____ given to others? Could it be that those 'things' would have satisfied your soul *too much* and that God took that block out of the playpen so that you would only be left with the one in the shape of a cross? Might He have done that so that you would depend on Him and Him alone?

Where does your soul find rest? At the end of that list or now, today, daily in Him?

BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU PRAY FOR...

Consider the difficulty in asking God to 'only give me enough today to keep me dependent on you tomorrow.' That will mean _____ for different people. What will it take to keep you dependent on God *daily*? What would an 'open hand' prayer look like?