

## Review – the steps

- Everything starts on the top stair – Abiding
- If I start as a negotiation I am obeying for the wrong reason –to get or to earn
- I start without power or ability if I don't start with a relationship with God
- I start with surrender –repentance

**Matthew 6:9–14 (NIV)** <sup>9</sup>“This, then, is how you should pray: “ ‘Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, <sup>10</sup> your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. <sup>11</sup> **Give us today our daily bread.** <sup>12</sup> And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. <sup>13</sup> And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.’ <sup>14</sup> For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

**Ephesians 1:7–10 (NIV)** <sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace <sup>8</sup> that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, <sup>9</sup> he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, <sup>10</sup> to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

### 1. You give us our daily bread – He is the giver of good things

- Acknowledging that what we have comes from Him
- It’s His and I am the steward

**Deuteronomy 10:14 (NIV)** <sup>14</sup> To the LORD your God belong the heavens, even the highest heavens, the earth and everything in it.

**Colossians 1:15–18 (NIV)** <sup>15</sup> The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. <sup>16</sup> For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

**James 1:17 (NIV)** <sup>17</sup> Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

### 2. Me – Us

- You know me and our brothers and sisters

**2 Corinthians 9:10–11 (NIV)** <sup>10</sup> Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. <sup>11</sup> You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

### 3. Bread – what is needed –the basic sustenance

#### Thoughts

1. I often take the basics for granted – it’s not enough – rather we should say we need it – you give it –it’s enough –thank you
2. What I pray about and don’t pray about reveals what I think about what I already have
3. I can and will live with the essentials with joy
4. Prayer reveals what I believe is worthwhile - Anything else is extra
5. He is enough spiritually – He is enough physically
6. Don’t compare your life to others – trust Him to be enough and know you well enough –HE is your Father

**Matthew 4:4 (NIV)** <sup>4</sup> Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

**John 6:32–34 (NIV)** <sup>32</sup> Jesus said to them, “Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup> For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” <sup>34</sup> “Sir,” they said, “always give us this bread.”

**Ecclesiastes 5:10 (NIV)** <sup>10</sup> Whoever loves money never has enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with their income. This too is meaningless.

#### 4. Daily –Take care of my today – the food necessary for my sustenance

- He wants us to communicate with Him daily – time –relationship
- Prayer reveals reliance on God
- to control or know –fear/anxiety
- **Trusting** He paid for our past –believing He will take care of our future
- **Confidence creates hope for tomorrow**

**James 4:13–17 (NIV)** <sup>13</sup> Now listen, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money.” <sup>14</sup> Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. <sup>15</sup> Instead, you ought to say, “If it is the Lord’s will, we will live and do this or that.” <sup>16</sup> As it is, you boast in your arrogant schemes. All such boasting is evil. <sup>17</sup> If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn’t do it, it is sin for them.

**Deuteronomy 8:1–3 (NIV)**

**Psalms 23:1–6 (NIV)**

**Philippians 4:4–13 (NIV)**

#### The Lord is actually counteracting the way the enemy works

- **Trust yourself – you do it for yourself**
- **Bread isn’t enough – you need more**
- **You can’t trust God for tomorrow**
- **You can do a better job**

#### For Small Group Discussion

**Opening Question:** What were you most tempted to “store up” during 2020?

**Main Point:** When we worry too much about storing up or accumulating, it leads to selfishness. The more we rely on God, the more we get to rejoice when He provides.

**Main Scripture:** Matthew 6:11

#### Head Questions

- Where else in scripture do you see God providing for our daily needs?
- What daily needs do you have currently in your life?

#### Heart Questions

- When have you seen God’s provision in your life?
- What role does self-reliance play in your life? Where do you get to exercise God-reliance?

#### Hands Questions

- What do you have an abundance of that brings you a feeling of security?
- How can your prayer life begin to reflect more God-reliance and less self-reliance?

**Additional Scripture:** Matthew 6:19-21, Deuteronomy 8:11-18, 1 Timothy 6:17

#### Questions about prayer?

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