Dare.To.Pray.

Open My Eyes That I May See

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I dare you to pray, "Give me this day my daily bread."

Thread: Trust is a lesson we learn again, every single day.

"This, then, is how you should pray:

'Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

¹⁰ your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

¹¹ Give us today our daily bread.

¹² And forgive us our debts,

as we also have forgiven our debtors.

¹³ And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one."

(Matthew 6:9-13 NIV)

BIG IDEA: God has already provided for us, BUT we do have to gather it.

"I tell you the truth, anyone who believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸ Yes, I am the bread of life! ⁴⁹ Your ancestors ate manna in the wilderness, but they all died. ⁵⁰ Anyone who eats the bread from heaven, however, will never die. ⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven." (John 6:47-51 NLT)

Passage to unpack (Exodus 16-17:1-7)

- God is inviting them into a relationship of trust.
- God wants them to STOP worrying about tomorrow and TRUST Him for it.
- God wants them to PLAN to eat bread provided from His hand.
- God doesn't want them to resent His gracious intervention.
- God wants them to STOP asking MOSES for what God alone can provide.
- There is a lesson for Moses here as well: STOP taking on the responsibility to provide for people what God alone can GIVE.
 - Moses gave into this grumbling and lost as a leader.

But the Lord said to Moses and Aaron, "Because you did not trust in me enough to honor me as holy in the sight of the Israelites, you will not bring this community into the land I give them." (Numbers 20:12 NIV)

What was God expecting? (People in the middle of nowhere with no ability to save themselves?)

- 1. Trusting God to save them from the hostile environment and enemies surrounding them.
- 2. Gather God's manna! Today! Make plans to do it again tomorrow.

 Don't tell yourself you don't have time. It's clear we all have time to eat.
- 3. Trusting their needs are taken care of; LEARN His way.
- 4. Trusting God, LEAD themselves in His way, and LEAD their families in His way.
- 5. Do the rest of your work worry-free.
- 6. Plan the MENU for the coming week!

 Stop struggling with it! Accept the FACT that God will provide for you.

Challenge:

- Gather God's manna today, right now! Make your plans to do it again tomorrow!
- What are you struggling with that God has told you to TRUST Him for?
- Become an expert in God's Way, so you can Trust Him for more and lead well.
- Put your eyes on other things.
- Plan your menu!

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