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Welcome

Pray

We understand the power and consequence of asking God "Draw Me"

Tyson Foods

<https://thepeoplesvoice.tv/tyson-foods-firing-all-white-employees-and-replacing-them-with-illegals/>

Closing down plants, firing American workers, hiring illegal immigrants

- Tyson already employs 42,000 migrants among its 120,000 US workforce.
- "We would like to employ another 42,000 if we could find them," said Garrett Dolan, who leads Tyson's efforts to eliminate employment barriers such as immigration status.
- OH senator J.D. Vance - 100% of all net job creation has gone to the foreign-born under the Biden economy.

[Book – Late Great USA](#) – Jerome Corsi

Anyone remember me talking about the North American Union and the Amero?

I got laughed at everywhere I talked about that.

Here it is by stealth.

Globalists don't want borders.

They get gated communities & security, you get home invasions.

Prepare yourself.

We began looking at the Bride's first real statement – Draw Me!

- People get down on themselves for lack of prayer
- Whereas there is a discipline needed, there is also the poorness of spirit to coming to ask
  - Blessed are the poor... we bring nothing to the table.
- We know nobody can come to Christ unless the Father draw him
- We are humbling ourselves and asking to be saved from our flesh/this world's system
  - And into a more serious relationship with Jesus.

We need faith for this, but as we covered last week -

→ Western culture teaches us to use faith to gain.

Yet God is continually pouring Himself out into vessels full of (everything but Him)

So we need faith to empty ourselves

Faith to give

Faith to pray

Faith to serve

Faith to fast

Faith to love unlovable people

With the same kind of faith that Jesus had, which was that He would lay down His life and the Father would raise it back up again.

When we are told to have faith, we are essentially being asked to die. Except a grain of wheat...

- Expounding some on this: It Takes faith to tithe.
  - We are dying to our means of caring for ourselves, believing that God brings better life with the leftovers
- Takes faith to let God handle an interpersonal situation vs pasting it all over social media.

- We are dying to our means of self defense believing that God will bring better life out of that situation.

In the Song, the groom is trying to get the Bride to give up her life and surrender to Him. Her struggle is actually believing he can raise her up if she does die

Her “Draw Me” statement includes, “and we will run after thee” –

- not only will I follow you but I’ll bring others with me
- It is normal/typical for lovers of Christ to want others to experience Him
- Evangelism, mentorship, discipleship is nothing but religious work if placed above/before Christ in any way!

Literarily – (oriental perspective) this is an introduction. It’s a looking back at the eventual marriage. It begins with what took place and then backtracks to show how it all came to be.

The Groom’s response to “Draw me” was immediate!

Song 1: 4b The king has brought me into his chambers

Are there any other illustrations in the bible that show God’s immediate response to man’s act of drawing near in faith?

Luke 15 When the prodigal took years to leave & blow away the family fortune on hookers & booze, he turned back toward home on a long journey’s walk.

When the Father saw the prodigal son from a distance, what was His reaction?

Isa 55:7 Let the wicked forsake his way And the unrighteous man his thoughts; And let him return to the LORD, And He will have compassion on him, And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon.

Jer 3:12 'Return, faithless Israel,' declares the LORD; 'I will not look upon you in anger. For I am gracious,' declares the LORD; 'I will not be angry forever. 13 'Only acknowledge your iniquity, That you have transgressed against the LORD your God

Ps 86:5 For You, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive, And abundant in lovingkindness to all who call upon You.

**Into** His Chambers – deals with the secret place.

Psalm 25:14 The secret of the Lord is for those who fear Him, And He will make them know His covenant 'secret' – counsel or intimacy

Song 2: 14 "O my dove, in the clefts of the rock, In the secret place of the steep pathway

- Note that it’s not on your way to WalMart
- Note that it’s in the clefts, of the steep pathway
  - Jesus spoke of the narrow way
- This is not entered by virtue of me saying, “I’m a Christian”.
- This will NEVER be entered by virtue of anything other than me laying myself at His feet and asking Him to “Draw Me”

This is probably a bad analogy and definitely has it’s points of breakdown, but consider:

- Navy Seals = “It’s not for everyone”. We all laughingly agree!
- Actually, you might argue that Navy Seals is for everyone but few are willing to pay the price.

Psalm 31: <sup>19</sup> How great is Your goodness, Which You have stored up for those who fear You, Which You have wrought for those who take refuge in You, Before the sons of men! <sup>20</sup> You hide them in the secret place of Your presence from the conspiracies of man; You keep them secretly in a shelter from the strife of tongues.

**How** do you describe the secret place? It's a secret!

**How did Jesus tell you to pray?** In front of your family e.g. your prayer life, your intimate time?

Matt 6: <sup>6</sup> "But you, when you pray, go into your inner room, close your door and pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees *what is done* in secret will reward you.

Many "want" intimacy without paying the price of abandonment.

- They want closeness, but they want that WITH world trappings & self-determination
- They want to possess God and they pray, "God give me more of you!"

If your prayer life is while you're shopping, or between daily personal conversations, or house chores etc...

How would you feel if your friend invited you over, while he was renting the Rug Doctor?

How do you take someone like that seriously?

Remember –

The depth of the revelation is based on the condition of the heart prior to the revelation

Psalm 18: <sup>25</sup> With the kind You show Yourself kind; With the blameless You show Yourself blameless; <sup>26</sup> With the pure You show Yourself pure, And with the crooked You show Yourself astute.

**Astute**

If we are saying one thing and doing another e.g. "God I want you" but showing that as praying while shopping at WalMart i.e. that's our prayer life, is that "playing it straight"?

We give dedicated time for

- food,
- bed,
- certain personal activities e.g. you don't play Frisbee golf from your phone going down interstate w/ your buddies
  - Intimacy with your spouse isn't done with a provocative wink as you run out the door to a ballgame

So then if this is how we are presenting ourselves to God, won't He figure that out?? (Duh!!)

And how will He show Himself then?

tortuously contrary

**Ge 30:8** So Rachel said, "With mighty wrestlings I have wrestled with my sister,

You'll always be wrestling with what should be but isn't.

Is that going from strength to strength?

Could that be why He tells us to

**Ps 46:10** Be still, and know that I *am* God:

This isn't, "Don't worry, be happy"

**abandonment** – the emptying of self

Imagine you are a glass, a vessel – like God says we are in the Bible

Full of ourselves = water

- never allow ourselves to suffer anything

- always about self serving EVEN disguised as serving others so I feel good about myself  
Holy Spirit always pouring in as we are open to Him  
How full can get be in the glass?

\*\* The bride's "Draw Me" is us finally realizing it's not how much of God I get, it's how much of ME that HE gets.  
I remember a prayer meeting in Manhattan where a young man my age was intensely praying

- Gimme more of you Lord!  
More presence!
- More Holy Spirit!
- More Power!
- More revelation!

Whatya gonna do with all that??