

Give Us This Day...

Defining Enough

Jesus had just preached one of the most powerful messages ever spoken in His sermon on the mount. The crowds were still around and His disciples were witnessing amazing, unbelievable power when Jesus prayed. So, they asked Him to teach them to pray like Him. He said when you pray, "pray like this." What followed is a model not only for our pray life, but for life in general.

We often live like everything depends on our hustle, but Jesus teaches us to pray for daily bread. This series explores how God sustains our bodies, guards our minds, and feeds our souls twenty-four hours at a time.

The Trap of Tomorrow

34 "Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble. Matthew 6:34

Worry is simply trying to carry tomorrow's burdens with today's grace. God only promises grace for the current twenty-four hours.

The Echo of the Wilderness

4 Then the Lord said to Moses, "Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not. Exodus 16:4

God is teaching us that the relationship is more important than the reservoir.

The Blessing of Dependency

8 Remove far from me falsehood and lying; give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with the food that is needful for me, 9 lest I be full and deny you and say, "Who is the Lord?" or lest I be poor and steal and profane the name of my God. Proverbs 30:8-9

A life of total self-sufficiency actually distances us from the heart of God.

"God has provided for me today. I will hand tomorrow back to Him until the sun comes up."

The Second Mile: *Going Beyond Sunday*

Let's dig deeper together to see how God is calling and equipping each of us to reach the lost.

Monday – What is the specific "tomorrow" problem that you are most tempted to worry about right now? Take a moment to hand it over to God for the next 24 hours.

Tuesday – Looking back at your life, when is a time God gave you exactly what you needed just in the nick of time, rather than way in advance?

Wednesday – In what areas of your life are you currently trying to "hoard manna" (relying on your own savings, control, or planning) instead of asking God for daily direction?

Thursday – If God only promises grace for today, how does that change the way you view today's unexpected interruptions or difficulties?

Friday – As you look back on this week, did you live more like trying to survive on your own hustle, or a child relying on a loving Father?