

White Flag (Week 6)

Clint Craig – 17 June 2018

Discussion and Questions:

1. As parents, we like to do good things for our kids. But sometimes, when they just keep asking for more and more, without seeming at all grateful for what good things we've already done for them, we can feel like perhaps they need to sort out their attitude somewhat. Is that perhaps how God could feel about us, when we try to impose our will on Him, instead of surrendering to His will?
2. Clint drew a diagram for us, as a reminder of how to pray. The segments of the diagram were:
 - Praise God for being our Father, for being faithful and present, and for caring, as He is worthy of our praise.
 - Thanking God for all the blessings in our lives. Our family, our friends, our job, etc.
 - Pray for those people who are on our mind, such as our family or friends, maybe those in positions of authority such as the Government. Remember to use the "so that" phrase to ensure that we're seeking God's will, and not imposing our own.
 - Finally, we can pray for ourselves. Again, in an attitude of surrendering to His will. You may want to pray for wisdom, character development, or help in a situation we're facing.

What are your thoughts regarding this?

3. Read Philippians 4:5- 7 and Philippians 1:28. In both verses we are told to not be anxious or be fearless. Does fear ever prevent you from doing God's will, and if so, how can we conquer our fear?
4. Read James 4:2 and Matthew 7:7. We are reminded that it is our responsibility to ask God or make our requests readily. What are the four answers that Clint gave us, which God can often give?

Answer: If the request is wrong, God says NO
 If the timing is wrong, God says SLOW
 If you are wrong, God says GROW
 When all three are right, God says GO

5. Read again Philippians 4:7 and also Philippians 4:12. We are to be content and grateful for what we have, and where we find ourselves. This often goes against our human nature. How can this help us in our Christian walk?
6. Finally, we have spent the last 6 Sundays learning more about how to pray. Now would be the perfect time to put this into practice by praying. If you're one who normally struggle to pray out loud, perhaps now would be the perfect opportunity to start showing fearlessness.

Upcoming Dates

- Friday June 29th – Young Adults Social Event
- Saturday July 7th – Lead Where You Are
- Thurs July 19th- Sat 21st July – Get Smart conference
- Sunday July 29th – Strengthen Workshop