

TAKE HOME SHEET



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Message: What I Wanted
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Take some time and reflect on this passage from James:

¹...you don't have what you want because you don't ask God for it. ³ And even when you ask, you don't get it because your motives are all wrong—you want only what will give you pleasure.

James 4:1–3 (NLT)

How have you seen this play out in your life or someone you know?

Can you think of something you really wanted, and now, as you look back, you are grateful you didn't get it?

What are some reasons a good parent would delay giving their child something good?

What is something you want that you believe is good and in line with God's will?

Who could you ask to join you in praying about it this week?

BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:

NLT – New Living Translation

MESSAGE NOTES



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A story of innocence, immaturity, and injustice:

¹⁰ This time he told the dream to his father as well as to his brothers, but his father scolded him. “What kind of dream is that?” he asked. “Will your mother and I and your brothers actually come and bow to the ground before you?” ¹¹ But while his brothers were jealous of Joseph, his father wondered what the dreams meant.

Genesis 37:10–11 (NLT)

What I want is not always what I need.

²...you don't have what you want because you don't ask God for it. ³ And even when you ask, you don't get it because your motives are all wrong—you want only what will give you pleasure.

James 4:2–3 (NLT)

⁷ When you pray, don't babble on and on as the Gentiles do. They think their prayers are answered merely by repeating their words again and again. ⁸ Don't be like them, for your Father knows exactly what you need even before you ask him!

Matthew 6:7-8 (NLT)

When I want something good, it is not always the right time.

While I trust and wait on God, He is working on what is best for me and others.

²⁸ Have you never heard? Have you never understood? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of all the earth. He never grows weak or weary. No one can measure the depths of his understanding. ²⁹ He gives power to the weak and strength to the powerless. ³⁰ Even youths will become weak and tired, and young men will fall in exhaustion. ³¹ But those who trust in the Lord will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint.

Isaiah 40:28–31 (NLT)

And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:19 (NLT)

More from our opening story many years later:

You intended to harm me, but God intended it all for good. He brought me to this position so I could save the lives of many people.

Genesis 50:20 (NLT)