

# OUR FATHER: WORDS YOU THOUGHT YOU KNEW

## Everyday Lordship

4-26-20

**Big idea:** The Lord's prayer is not something that you just pray: it's a prayer that you actually live.

**Sources of stress:**

- Unexplainable \_\_\_\_\_
- Uncooperative \_\_\_\_\_
- Uncontrollable \_\_\_\_\_

**This part of the prayer is not so much a prayer asking God to do something as it is a prayer asking that we would do something.**

*Matthew 6:9-10* – "This, then, is how you should pray: 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, <sup>10</sup> your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. '"

**Surrendering to Jesus means:**

1. Letting go of \_\_\_\_\_.

*Psalm 46:10* - "**Be still**, and **know that I am God**; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."

Two extremes:

1. Try harder to control it.
2. You give up.

### The Serenity Prayer

“God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference. Living one day at a time, enjoying one moment at a time **accepting** hardship as a **pathway to peace** taking as Jesus did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it; **trusting** that You will make all things right if I **surrender** to your will so that I may be reasonably happy in this life, and supremely happy with You forever in the next. Amen.

-- Reinhold Niebuhr

2. Learning to be \_\_\_\_\_.

Situations that you cannot change:

- You can worry about it.
- You can resent it and get bitter about it.
- You can feel guilty about it.
- You can have self-pity about it.
- You can be fearful and worry about it.

OR \_\_\_\_\_ it and learn to be content with it.

*Philippians 4:11-13* - I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be **content** whatever the circumstances. <sup>12</sup> I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any

and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. <sup>13</sup> **I can do everything through him who gives me strength.**

Notice two things:

A. It's a \_\_\_\_\_.

“learned”

B. It is \_\_\_\_\_ possible through Christ's strength.

“I can do everything through him who gives me strength”

*Psalm 37:7a* - “Surrender yourself to the Lord, and wait patiently for him.” (GW)

3. Leaving the future to \_\_\_\_\_.

*Proverbs 3:5-6* - Trust **in the Lord** with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; <sup>6</sup> in all your ways **acknowledge him**, and he will make your paths straight.

*Psalm 37:18-19* - The days of the blameless are known to the Lord, and their inheritance will endure forever. <sup>19</sup> In times of disaster they will not wither; in days of famine they will enjoy plenty.

### **Next Steps:**

1. Plan on joining us next week online.
2. Download the “Beyond Sunday Devotion.”