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Pray Like Jesus: Part III
“Give Us”
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1. What does “Give us this day our daily bread” encompass?
2. There are those praying for basic needs like food, safety, healing, freedom. What are we to think when a good many of these needs aren’t met, knowing that God loves these people passionately?
(Shay mentioned that Jesus is our daily bread. Could it be in all these things, most leading to death, that Jesus is enough for even that?)
3. Have you ever, like George Mueller who ran an orphanage in England, laid a very specific request before God alone and had your need met?
4. Have you ever trusted your Father in heaven completely in a desperate situation that ended up a blessing?
5. Shay said that prayer doesn’t change God; it changes you. How has prayer changed you?
6. Like Paul changed the Praetorian Guard, whose life are you changing or might you change because he or she is “bound” to you in some way?
7. Shay reminded us that to understand any concept like prayer, we need to read scripture in its entirety to get a complete picture. Read Psalm 37:3-7a, Matthew 7:7-11, I John 5:14.
 - *How does each of these passages add to the whole picture of prayer?
 - *Can we have relationship with God without praying?
 - *Do you think God is as interested in physical needs as much as spiritual needs?
 - *Why are some healed of diseases when they and others pray and others are not?**Does it help to know Jesus asked God for another way to save the world? (“Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done” Luke 22:42). Or that Paul pleaded to God three times for a “thorn in the flesh” to be taken away, but God did not and said, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness” (II Corinthians 12:8-9)?**
 - *What statements or prayers of Jesus and his servant Paul show a concern for things besides their physical needs? Did they pray for themselves often? Were their concerns physical?
8. Read Psalm 139:1-10. In these verses David makes many wonderful assertions about God. Which one stands out to you most just now and is there a particular reason why?

9. Read Matthew 6:6. What do you need God to do through you or for you?
What need for others do you need to commit to pray for?