



## The Fear of Not Having Enough

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When Jesus teaches us to pray, “give us today our daily bread,” what exactly is he teaching us? Is he addressing our fear of not having enough, or does it go deeper than that?

*Give us today our daily bread.* Matthew 6:11 (CSB)

This prayer addresses six fears and teaches us how to pray about them.

When We Pray “Give Us Today Our Daily Bread,” We Are:

### 1. Rejecting the pursuit for a false sense of security

Dependence on God is better than independence from him.

*Then the Lord said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. This way I will test them to see whether or not they will follow my instructions.”* Exodus 16:4 (CSB)

### 2. Learning to live with just enough

*Two things I ask of you; don’t deny them to me before I die: Keep falsehood and deceitful words far from me. Give me neither poverty nor wealth; feed me with the food I need. Otherwise, I might have too much and deny you, saying, “Who is the LORD?” or I might have nothing and steal, profaning the name of my God.* Proverbs 30:7-9 (CSB)

We are asking for what sustains, not what’s supplemental.

Matthew 6:25-34

### 3. Deciding to live with open hands

Our daily bread is not mine, it’s ours.

*Now all the believers were together and held all things in common.* Acts 2:44 (CSB)

Discussion Questions:

1. Which of the six fears do you find yourself facing most often?
2. Which one of Pastor Daniel’s three points is the most difficult for you to do?
3. What is your next step?