

# Talk to Me

LEARNING TO PRAY LIKE JESUS



## SERMON NOTES



Talk to Me: Sermon Notes

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# "GIVE US TODAY"

## WHY PRAY FOR DAILY BREAD?

### GOD IS THE PROVIDER OF EVERY GOOD GIFT

- God is our Creator
- God is our Sustainer

*<sup>2</sup>And the whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, <sup>3</sup>and the people of Israel said to them, "Would that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."*

*<sup>4</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, "Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not. <sup>5</sup>On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily."*

Exodus 16:2–5

- What should our response be?—Gratitude
  - ["Give Thanks" Bible Reading Plans](#)



### WE ARE DEPENDENT ON GOD FOR EVERY GOOD GIFT

- God is the Creator; we are the created

*Praying for bread acknowledges need.*

Eugene Peterson, *Tell It Slant*, 183

*It is precisely what children do when they love and trust the one they call 'Father.'*

N. T. Wright, *The Lord and His Prayer*, 30

- Jesus modeled dependence upon the Father

*<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup>And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup>And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." <sup>4</sup>But he answered, "It is written,*

*"Man shall not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."*

Matthew 4:1–4

*The prayer is for our needs, not our greeds.*

D. A. Carson, "Matthew," 205

- What should our response be?—Dependence

## EVERY GOOD GIFT IS BOTH PHYSICAL AND SPIRITUAL

- Our Physical Needs

*"Give us this day our daily bread": this clause in the Lord's Prayer, then reminds us that our natural longings, for bread and all that it symbolizes, are not to be shunned as though they were of themselves evil.*

N. T. Wright, *The Lord and His Prayer*, 27

*<sup>25</sup>"Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup>Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? <sup>27</sup>And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? <sup>28</sup>And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup>yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. <sup>30</sup>But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? <sup>31</sup>Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' <sup>32</sup>For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. <sup>33</sup>But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.*

*<sup>34</sup>"Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.*

Matthew 6:25–34

- Our Spiritual Needs

*<sup>47</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. <sup>48</sup>I am the bread of life. <sup>49</sup>Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. <sup>50</sup>This is the bread that comes down*

*from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. <sup>51</sup>I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."*

John 6:47–51

- What should our response be?—Trust

## HOW WILL YOU RESPOND?

- Are you grateful?
- Are you dependent?
- Are you trusting?