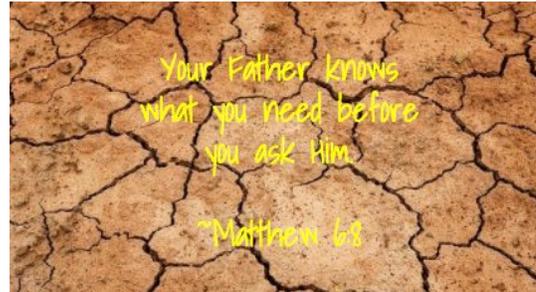


HE KNOWS YOUR NEED

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From one week to the next, I never know what the Lord will show me or exactly what He will desire for me to share in this blog. The past several have been about some aspect of Covid-related topics, but this week, well, let's see where it goes!



On this past Monday, I was sitting in my son's bedroom at his desk, having a conversation with him, when I noticed a crack in his bed frame, a crack that could land him on the floor! I asked him if he had ever noticed it. He said, yes, and commenced to show me additional cracks and issues with his bed frame. I quickly concluded that a new bed was needed - stat! He's twelve years-old, and the bed is at least that age, I can't even remember where I was purchased. It had a trundle but we broke it some years back when he changed bedrooms. There's no argument, he needs a new bed. Since we are social-distancing and staying at home, I went online to shop. He did too! Within fifteen minutes he came to me with a new bed all picked out. He chose a loft bed that will elevate him 6-feet into the air, and he can put his desk underneath. The bed I picked out is a daybed that has a trundle for when cousins or friends spend the night. It can be decorated with his masculinity in mind, as a couch or as a bed, and it's suitable to be placed against the wall. I think the loft is going to be hot, since heat rises; I don't think he will like the confinement of rails on each side, but they are necessary due to the height. I think he will quickly tire of the climb, plus I think it will be more difficult for me to get him up in the morning for school. I am ready to bless him with a new bed and room decor, but he is not willing to accept the bed I want to purchase. He told me that if I don't get the loft, then, just don't get anything. We are at a stalemate. It's only a matter of time before we are all awakened by a loud thud overnight, when his bed finally gives way and breaks.

I could have ordered a bed on Tuesday, it could have been delivered on Thursday, and this weekend, we could have put it together and added new decor. By now, my son could be out of danger, but he is not.

This stalemate has made me think about how we approach God in prayer. Do we approach Him with our plans to bless, or do we approach Him, with a heart that is willing to accept His plans? Are we willing to appreciate any and all blessings from Him, or have we decided for ourselves what is acceptable as a blessing? Is it possible that we can delay His blessings if our heart is not willing to receive the blessing He has for us. Do we try to answer our own prayers, or do we pray, "Lord, may Your will be done." A few Scriptures come to mind:

~Jeremiah 29:11

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

~Matthew 6:8

. . . your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

~Matthew 6:1

your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

~James 4:13-15

Now listen, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money." ¹⁴Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. ¹⁵Instead, you ought to say, "If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that."

I admit, I am guilty of attempting to answer my own prayers. I don't always go to God with a completely humble heart that is willing to accept any response He gives. I do, sometimes, have my own ideal, and an unwillingness to stop until I get what I want. This situation with my son has really caused me to see this attitude as problematic. In a previous post, I wrote about an acronym for Prayer as P-praise, R-repent, A-ask, and Y-yield. Yield is where we often fall short. We ask with the answer, our answer, in mind. God is my Father, I am His child. He is our Creator, He has the broad view, we have the narrow view. We say God is good all the time, but do our prayers reflect the fact that we really believe God is good?

As Coronavirus-season continues, our prayers are many. We must rest in the knowledge that the Lord knows our needs before we approach Him. We must yield to His will in the understanding that He is our Creator, it is not the other way around. As humans, we only see situations for the obvious, but He has a much broader view. We must trust Him to see us through in the way He sees fit and knows is best according to His plan. Amen.

Have an awesome week!

Stay safe, sanitized, wear your facemask!

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