

Waging War Against Control

“control...one of the soul’s fiercest enemies.” Why is this?

Controlling one’s life can be exhausting. What drives us to want complete control of our lives?

“Daily bread prayers are a daily reminder that we are not in charge, not in control. Prayer replaces control with trust. A God-given desire is only fulfilled by God-given means.”

What does this mean to you and your life?

I Want to Hear You Say It

“Do you want to get well?” - Jesus asks this to the man at the healing waters.

Why do you think Jesus asks this question when the answer is obvious?

The Bible is full of scripture showing God wants us to “ask him.”

Psalms 2:8 – “Ask of me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession.”

Why does God want us to ask him for our needs and wants when He already knows what we need and want?

2 things – relationship and empowerment

Relationship

“God’s end game is just to be with you, to enjoy you forever, and to be enjoyed by you forever.”

Asking builds that relationship. Do you ask of God as though you are in a relationship with him?

Empowerment

God’s plan for getting us into relationship is empowerment.

Moses confronted God to not bring disaster on his people for worshipping another God. God changed His mind, He relented.

Can you comprehend a God that is in relationship with you so much that you can affect Him?

Good Gifts

God likes to give us good gifts. As a father likes to say “yes” to what his kids want.

Can you ask God for your needs and your heart’s desires as a child asks his father? Is your relationship with God as strong as the bond between a son and father?

“Ask. That’s all he wants from us.”