



## **Simple, Not Easy**

### Study 2

Read Matthew 6:5-34 on your own.

What things in this passage stick out to you? What directions are given?

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**Jerimiah 17:8-** “But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.”

**John 4:14-** but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.

**John 7:38-** Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.

**Jerimiah 2:13-** My people have committed two sins: They have forsaken me, the spring of living water, and have dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot hold water.

After reading these verses, What and /or who do you think the water in Jerimiah 17:8 symbolizes in our life? In Jerimiah 2:13, what implications are given when we seek out other waters in our lives?

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**Matthew 6:25-34-** “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? “And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the

fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

**2 Timothy 1:7-** For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.

**Isaiah 26:3** - You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you.

**2 Thessalonians 3:16-** Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you.

**Romans 15:13-** May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Philippians 4:13-** I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

**Proverbs 2:6-** For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.

**James 1:5-** If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.

**2 Peter 1:3-** His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.

List the aspects from the passages you read that stood out to you, particularly areas where you might not have been trusting or recognizing God's provision in your life.

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**Proverbs 3:5-6-** Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

**16:3-** Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and he will establish your plans.

**Psalms 37:5-** Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will do this:

**Colossians 3:17-** And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

**3:23-** Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters,

How, according to these verses, do we seek everything we need from God?

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**Matthew 6:9-13-** After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

**Luke 11:2-4-** And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth. Give

us day by day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

Take a moment to rewrite and personalize what is known as the Lord's Prayer. Use Matthew and Luke as a pattern. Don't skip a line, each is uniquely important.