



Deeper Still // The Petition of Prayer  
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Deeper Still – longing for a deeper sense of prayer and communion with God.

- Timely and beneficial for your church.
- Leads us towards reliance and dependence on God’s authority over our church

Chris:

- Prayer is an opportunity not an obligation, prayer is a conversation, and prayer is passionate.
- Alignment of wills.

Gregg:

- This prayer is curiously relevant to all people in every culture and life circumstance throughout history.
- Our objective – as individuals, as couples, as community groups, and as a church is to move from *ordinary prayer to extraordinary prayer.*

Frank:

- Our priority in prayer is not for us to convince God to do our will, but rather, that our hearts would soften to His.
- Are you finding yourself trying to find a way to squeeze God into your kingdom, or are you surrendering your will, and your desires so that you discover how you fit into His?

PETITION OF PRAYER – appealing to the authority of God

1. Hallowed *thy* name
2. *Thy* kingdom
3. *Thy* will
4. Give *us*
5. Forgive *us*
6. Lead *us*
7. Deliver *us*

Matthew 6:11-13

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<sup>12</sup> and forgive us our debts,  
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

<sup>13</sup> And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

When we petition to God we are appealing to His authority

- Prayer is appealing to the authority of God
- Surrendering to His will over ours

Romans 12:1-2 - *I appeal to you therefore, brothers,<sup>[a]</sup> by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.<sup>[b]</sup> Do not be conformed to this world,<sup>[c]</sup> but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.<sup>[d]</sup>*

One facet of prayer that God has been teaching me is to change my language/thinking from

“God, help to do what I want to do”

To

“God, help me to see/understand what you are doing and how I can participate in that”

- “discernment”
- Life of constant correction

Prayer that is centered around who God is and all that He is doing.

- Definition of worship
- Shift from “this is what need to this it what you’ve done/you’re doing.”

Sometimes, if not all of the time, in order to see what God is doing we need to be reminded of what He has done.

- Do you ever find yourself able to see how God is working in your life and you think to yourself “oh, I should write this down.”
- Prayer journal

It would remind the Jewish people of the Israelites

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**“Give us this day our daily bread”**

Exodus 16:16-18 - *“This is what the Lord has commanded: ‘Gather of it, each one of you, as much as he can eat. You shall each take an omer (about 2 quarts), according to the number of the persons that each of you has in his tent.’” And the people of Israel did so. They gathered, some more, some less. But when they measured it with an omer, whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack. Each of them gathered as much as he could eat.”*

- God sent daily food, bread, sustenance for his people
- God heard their need and provided just enough
- *God’s will in His provision may also include caring for others*

**“and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.”**

Exodus 34:5-7 - <sup>5</sup> *The Lord descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the Lord.* <sup>6</sup> *The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, “The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness,* <sup>7</sup> *keeping steadfast love for thousands,<sup>[a]</sup> forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin*

- *The Israelites had committed a sin of blatant disobedience against God by building an idol that they worshipped in His place*
- *God showed grace and mercy towards His people in His response*
  - *As God shows us grace and mercy we need to do the same towards one another*

**“And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.”**

Exodus 6:6 - <sup>6</sup> *Say therefore to the people of Israel, ‘I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will deliver you from slavery to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great acts of judgment.*

- James 1:3 – God doesn’t tempt anyone
- Temptation – Greek translation can also mean an experiment or trial(hardship)
- God delivered His people from the hardship of slavery through acts of miracles
- As we pray this “take this cup” – we may still face trials/persecution like Jesus did
  - Romans 5:3-5 - <sup>3</sup> *Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance,* <sup>4</sup> *and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,* <sup>5</sup> *and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.*
- **Christ crucified has delivered us from all judgement and bondage to sin**
  - **We need to be ready to share this hope**

“We can be sure our prayers are answered precisely in the way we would want them to be answered if we knew everything God knows.” (Tim Keller)