

Our Father in Heaven

Matthew 6:9-13

- Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.'

Dual focus

- our Father – adoration and worship
- our needs - requests

Our Father

- Part of God's family

*For this reason I bow my knees
before the **Father**,
from whom every family in heaven
and on earth is **named** ...*



~ Eph 3:14-15

Our Father

- Part of God's family
- Good Father



In heaven: He reigns

- The LORD reigns,
let the nations tremble;
he sits enthroned between the cherubim,
let the earth shake.
Great is the LORD in Zion;
he is exalted over all the nations.

**The world may tremble
and shake,
He sits enthroned**



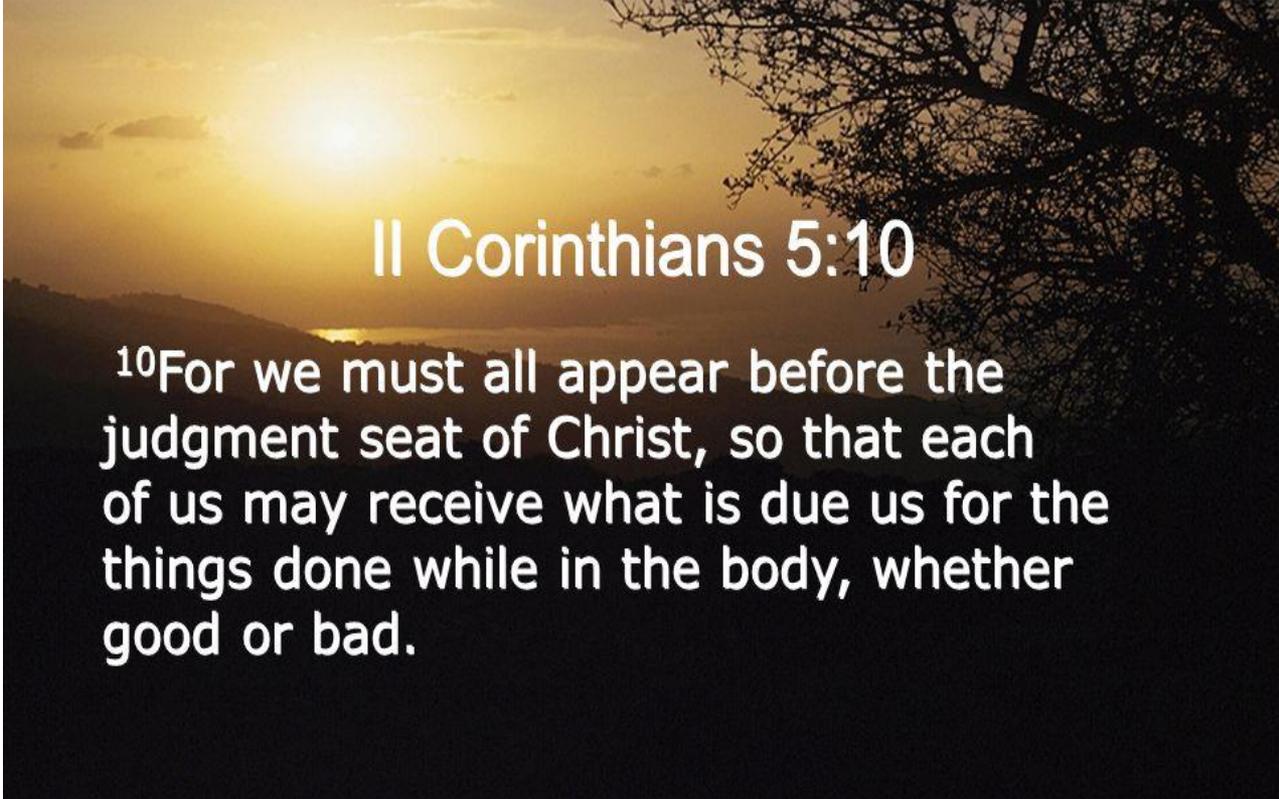
Psalms 99:1-2

Hallowed be your name

Holy respect for our Father:

- a holy Judge - Fear of the Lord

Approach with
care



II Corinthians 5:10

¹⁰For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

Hallowed be your name

Holy respect for our Father:

- a holy Judge - Fear of the Lord
- a good Father - Confidence in the Lord

Approach with
confident trust



Your will be done on earth as it is
in heaven.

God's will should be

- Motivation and expectation of our prayers.
- Promise of prayers answered

John 15:7

*If you abide in Me,
and My words abide in you,
you will ask what you desire,
and it shall be done for you.*

Though sometimes,

Struggle to understand His will:

- Sickness and unexpected death
- Unjust treatment
- Failures and disappointments

Confident of His will

And we know that in ALL things

*GOD works for the good
of those who love him,*

who have been called
according to his purpose.

-Romans 8:28

- all things- good or bad
- Confident that His purpose is always good
- For those whom He called and love.

Because our Father in heaven
Is good

Hope

For the creation waits
in eager expectation
for the children of God
to be revealed.

Romans 8:19



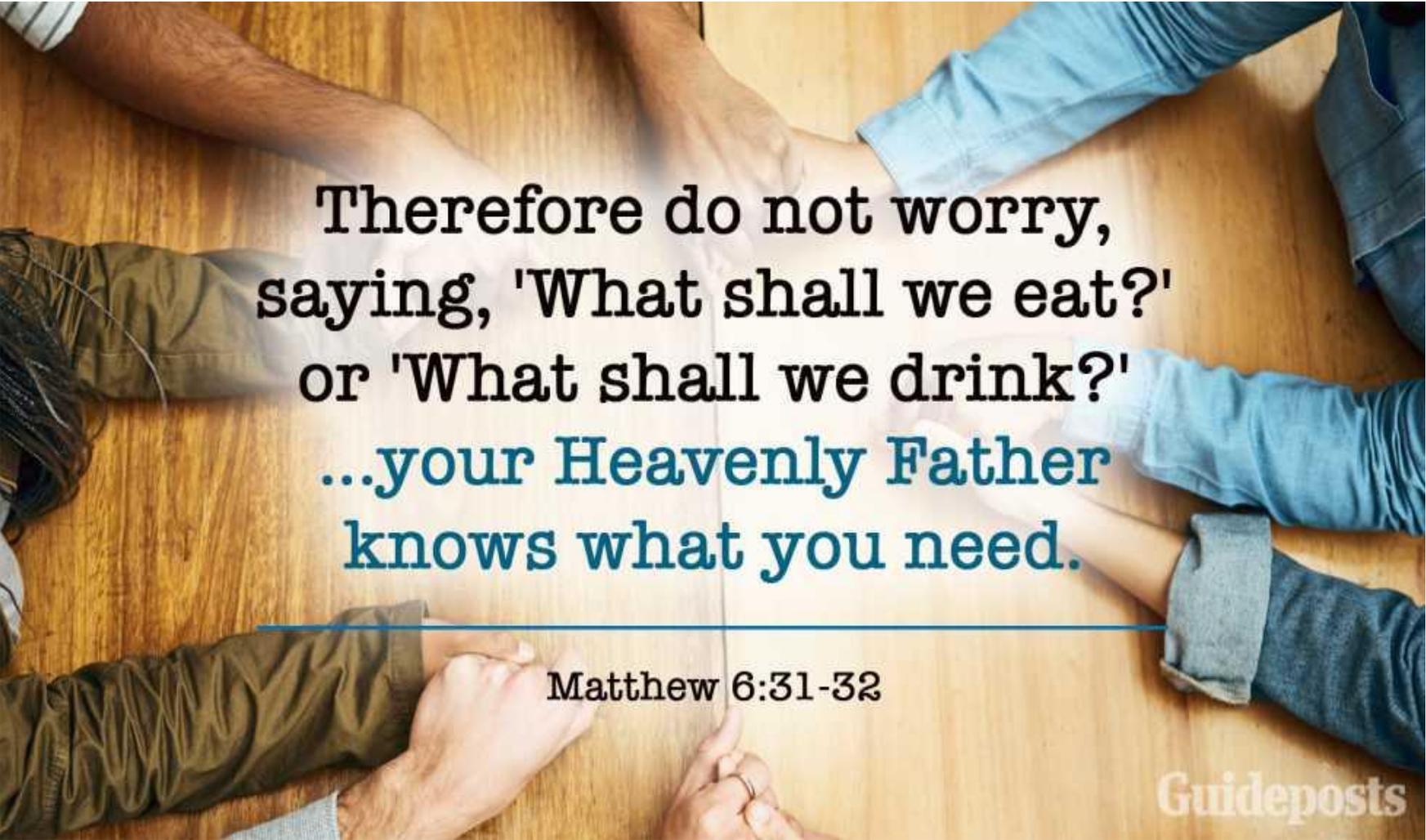
**New kingdom:
No pain or
sorrow**

**New creation:
Await liberation
from decay (8:21)**

Our daily bread: Needs

- Promise of daily provisions.
- Good Father (Matthew 7:7)
- God provides, we share (2 Corinthians 9:11-15)

Promise

A top-down photograph of several people's hands clasped together in a circle on a light-colored wooden floor. The hands are of various skin tones and are wearing different colored sleeves (blue, brown, grey). The text is overlaid on the center of the image.

Therefore do not worry,
saying, 'What shall we eat?'
or 'What shall we drink?'
...your Heavenly Father
knows what you need.

Matthew 6:31-32

Provider

Matthew 7:11 (NIV)

¹¹ If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!

God provides, we share....

- ¹¹ You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.
- ¹² This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. ¹³ Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else.

(2 Corinthians 9:11-13)

Give from the heart

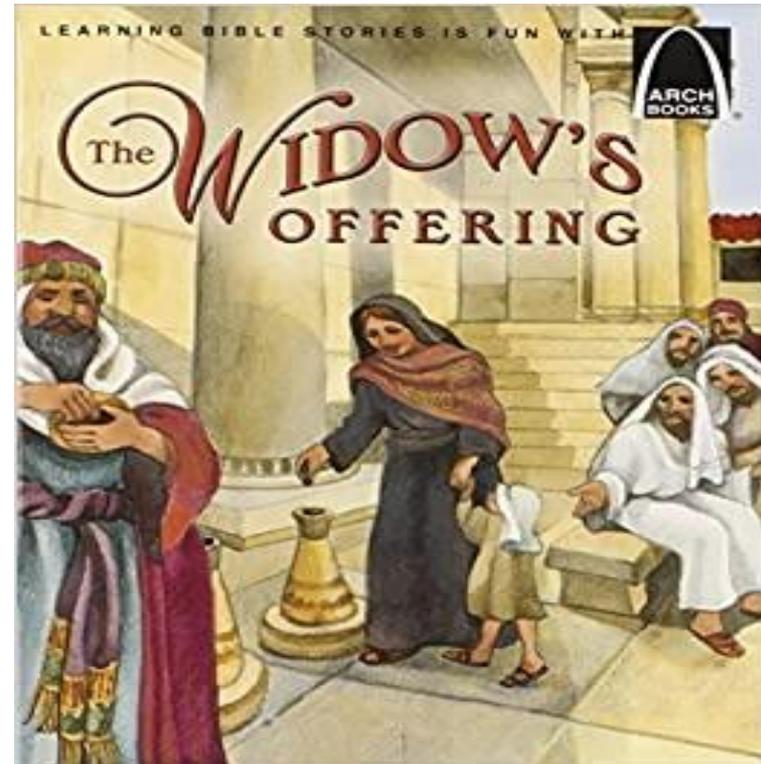
- Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. (2 Corinthians 9:7-8)

**Not the quantity of giving,
but the quality**

Quality giving

- decided in your heart - thoughtful giving
- He provides enough to share.

God provides,
we give cheerfully



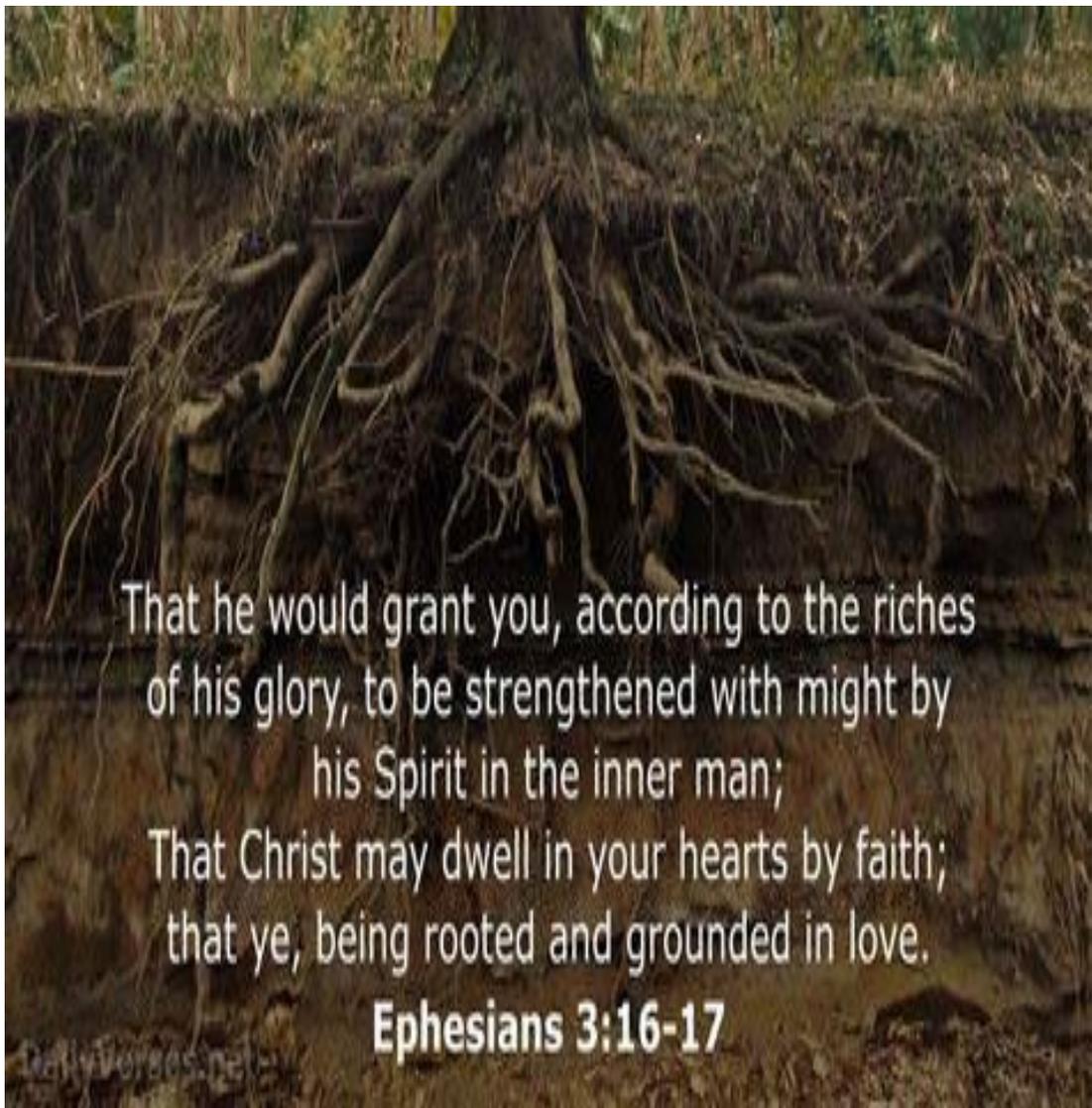
Spiritual and emotional needs

**LET US THEN APPROACH
GOD'S THRONE OF GRACE
WITH CONFIDENCE, SO
THAT WE MAY RECEIVE
MERCY AND FIND GRACE
TO HELP US IN OUR TIME
OF NEED.**

HEBREWS 4:16



Bring our spiritual
And emotional
needs to our
Father



That he would grant you, according to the riches
of his glory, to be strengthened with might by
his Spirit in the inner man;
That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith;
that ye, being rooted and grounded in love.

Ephesians 3:16-17

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**Strengthened by the Spirit
with Christ's love**

Forgive us our debts

MATTHEW 6:14-15

“If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins.”

As we have forgiven...

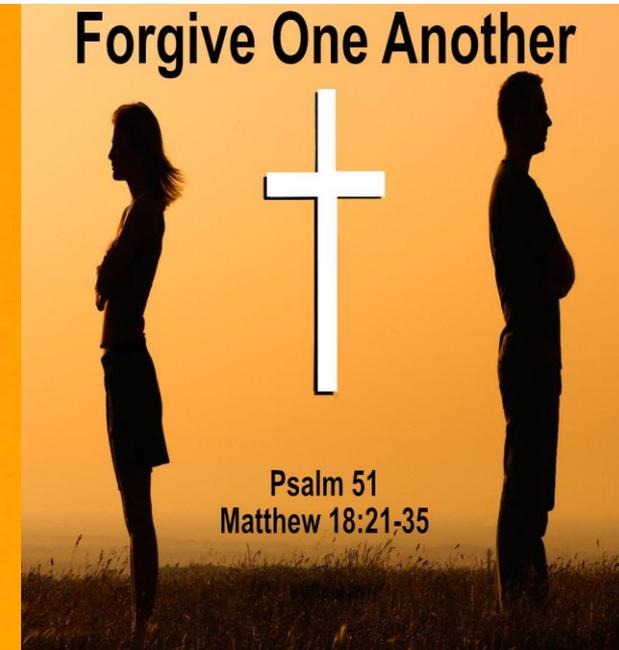
- Forgiven heart forgives, unforgiven heart bears grudge.
- Forgive to avoid bitterness

Why is this included?

Our spiritual health is conditional on forgiving others.

How many times must we forgive?

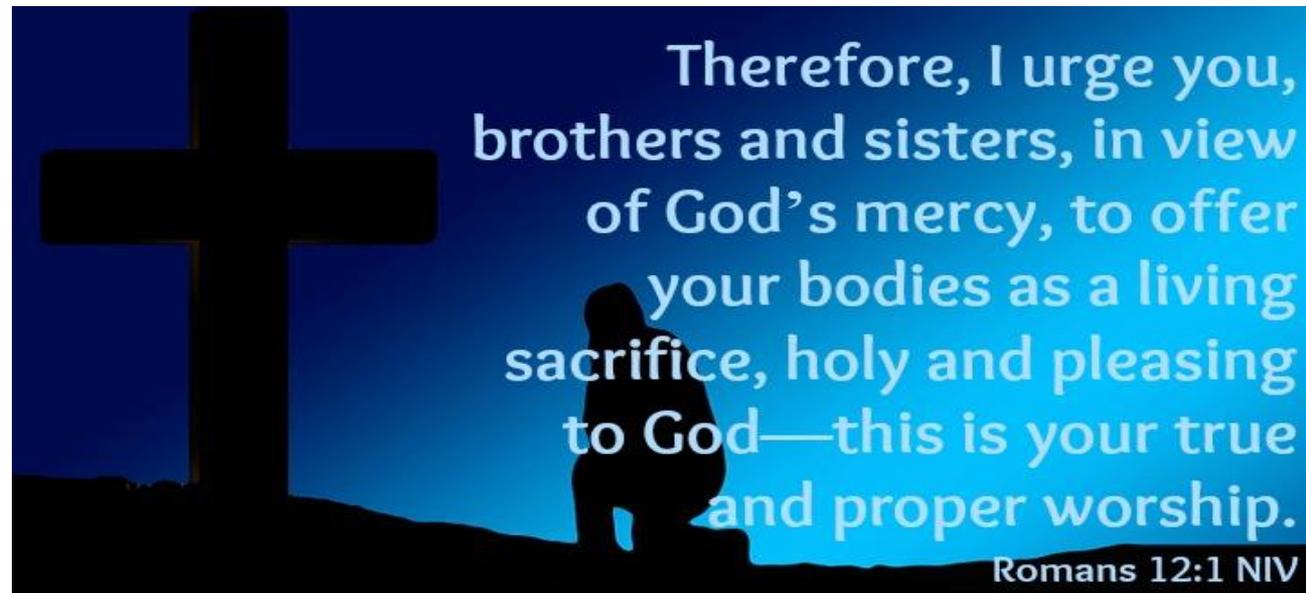
Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?" Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.
Matthew 18:21-22



Deliver from temptation and evil

- Tempted by our own evil desires (James 1:14-15)
- Delivered from sinful desires
 - from power / slavery of sin (Romans 6)
 - slave to righteousness, not sin

Offer
Ourselves...

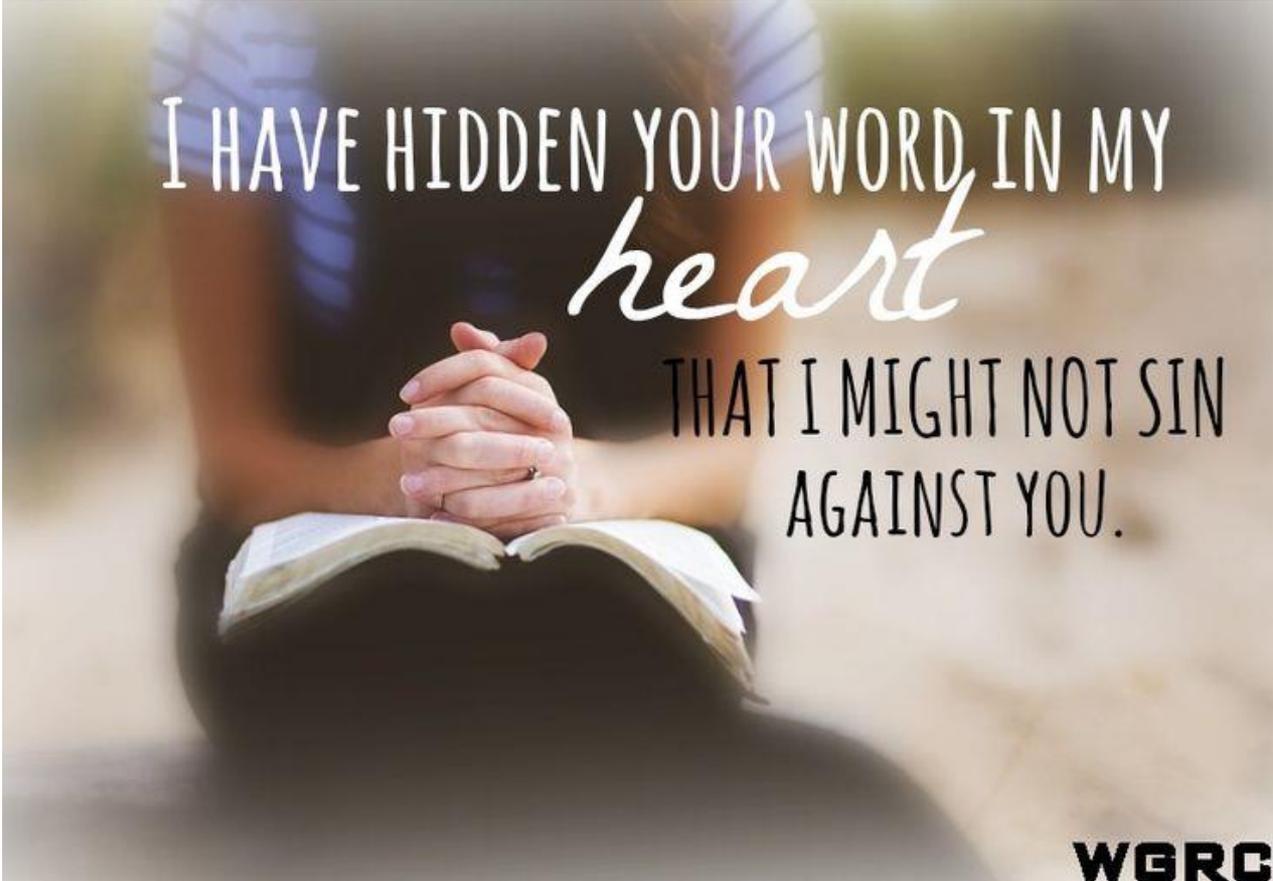


Therefore, I urge you,
brothers and sisters, in view
of God's mercy, to offer
your bodies as a living
sacrifice, holy and pleasing
to God—this is your true
and proper worship.

Romans 12:1 NIV

Deliver from temptation and evil

- Word of God (Ps 119:11)



I HAVE HIDDEN YOUR WORD IN MY
heart
THAT I MIGHT NOT SIN
AGAINST YOU.

Word of God
keeps us from
sinning

Deliver from temptation and evil

- Word of God
- Holy Spirit's help (John 16:13)



Abba Father

- ¹⁴ For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.....the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “*Abba*, Father.” ¹⁶ The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children.

(Romans 8:14-16)

He is our heavenly Father

Relationship with our Father

Siok Ting

- lost her dad at the age of 5
- Age of 11 – God became her heavenly Father
- 2016 – after contracting cancer of lung
 - God was still her heavenly Father

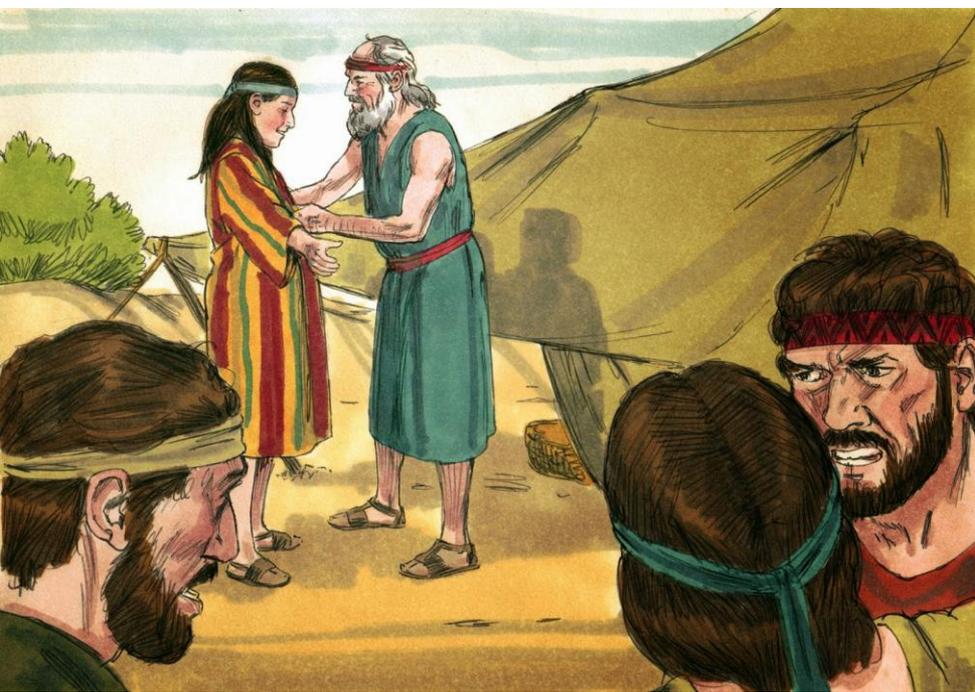
God provides, we give

- God provides enough to share
- Give thoughtfully and cheerfully from the heart

Experienced generosity of brothers and sisters in Holy Light with meals and prayers.

Love project

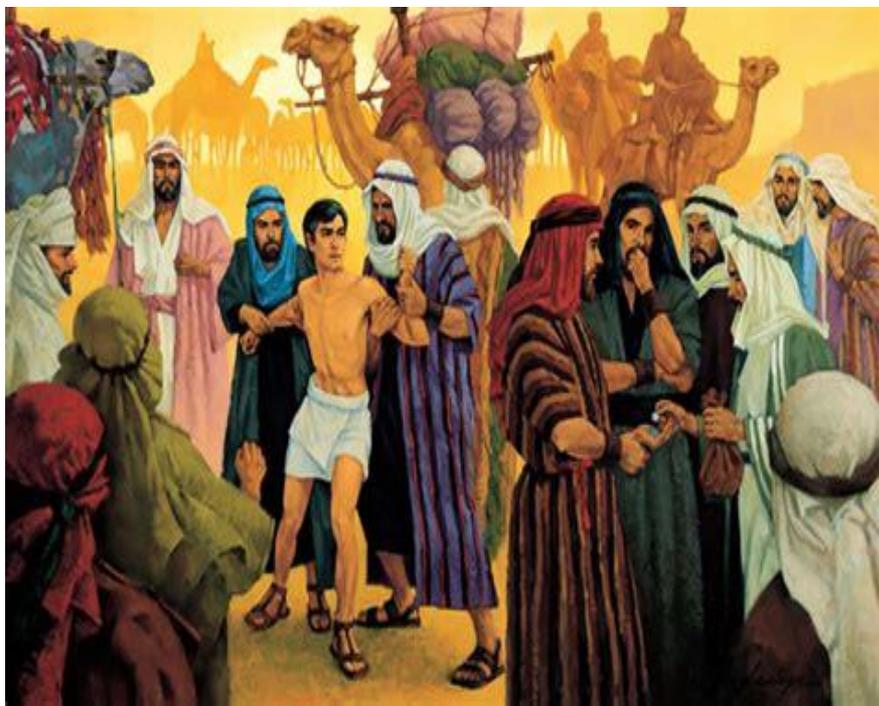
God's will : Lessons from Joseph (Genesis 37,39-48)



Favorite son of Jacob,
living in luxury



Dreams (grandiose)
as a 17 years old



Treated unjustly and
sold as a slave to
Potiphar in Egypt





Put in charge of
Potiphar's household



Falsely accused and
imprisoned unjustly
for > 10years



Interpreted
Pharoah's dream

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Became Prime
Minister of Egypt,
age 30

Consider

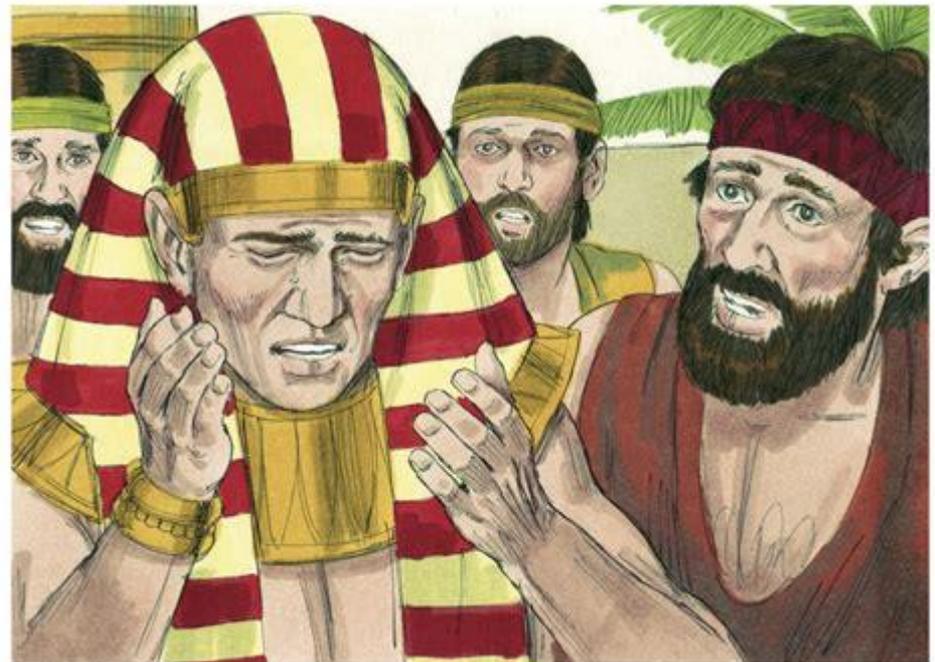
- Why sold into slavery? Was this God's will?
- Why need to wait so long for God's purpose to be fulfilled? Is this the norm?
- Joseph could have complained and become bitter.
 - doubtful of God's intentions.

Faithfulness and patience

- Joseph continue to serve Potiphar and later the jailor – a slave
 - excellent work ethics / trustworthy
- waited patiently for God's plan to work out
- The Lord was with Joseph and prospered him as a slave and prisoner

Confident of God's will

- Joseph claimed God was the one who prepared him for Egypt to save Israel (Genesis 45:5,7-8)
- God's will for Joseph to be sold as a slave
- Man plan for evil,
God work out for good.



Lesson

- Joseph accepted God's plan
- Joseph waited patiently for the Lord.

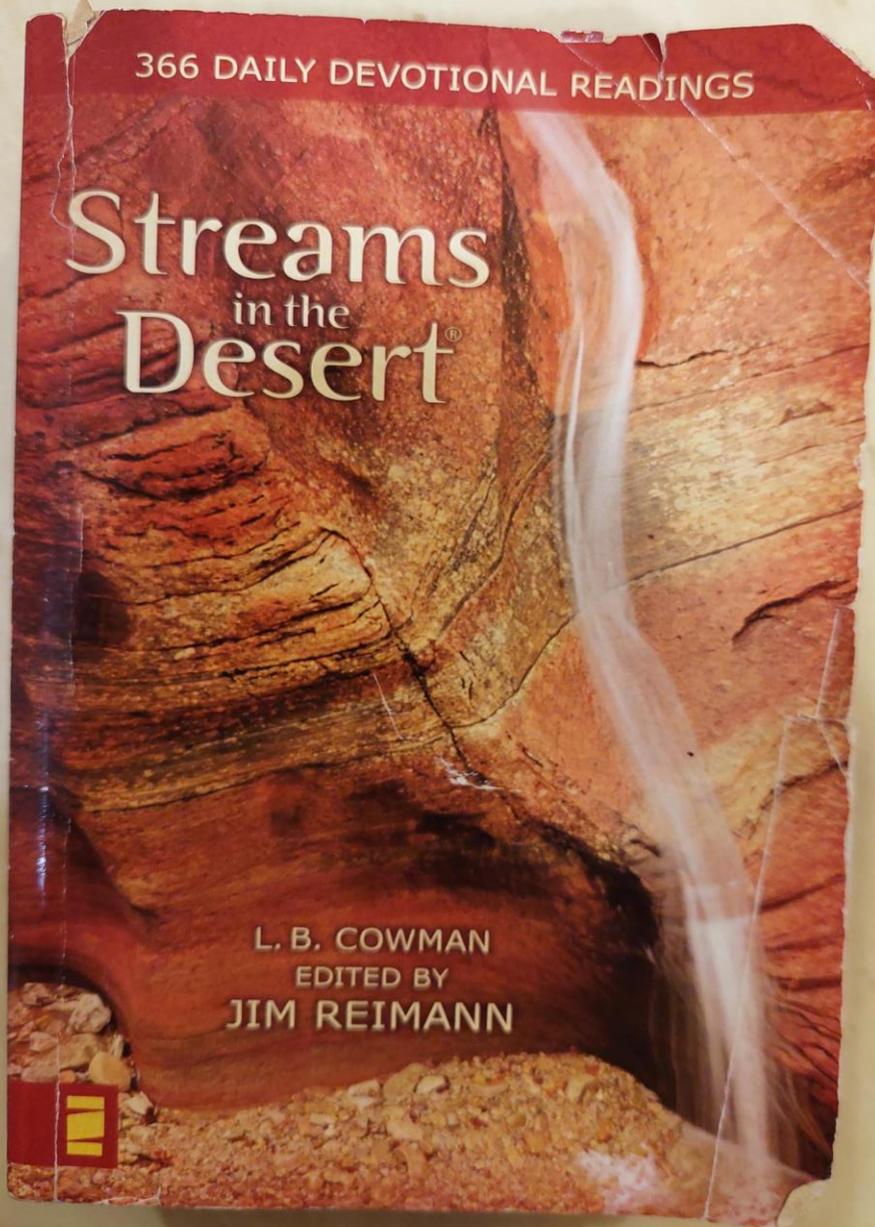
Therefore,

- We need to trust God's plan, even though we don't understand our 'trial'

God's will is always good

Why did God take Siok Ting away?

- Thankful for the 5 extra years.
- Completed her race faithfully, time to go home and be rewarded.
- Confidence - God's good will.



Closing
Poem: My
home is God
himself