

**Why God Insists That We Ask**

November 22, 2020 The Rest of the Sermon on the Mount, part 12

**November Memory Scripture**

**Colossians 3:15 (ESV)** And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. **Colossians 3:15**

- ✓ Jesus' Sermon on the Mount instructions are impossible to obey
- ✓ Jesus' every command is to be obeyed
- ✓ Jesus' Matthew 7:7-11 teaching provides the solution

**Matthew 7:7-11**

**It's about relationship!! God's reasons and how asking works**

*We have to work hard to move from transaction to relationship!!!*

**1. God created us with needs so we look to Him**

**Matthew 7:7**

**2. God wants to meet needs so we experience Him in relationship**

**Matthew 7:8**

**3. God requires we ask so that we turn to Him in relationship**

It's one thing to need **what** God has; it's another to need **who** God is

**Matthew 7:9-11**

➔ the description of turning to God

**James 4:8–10 (ESV)** <sup>8</sup>Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. <sup>9</sup>Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. <sup>10</sup>Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

**1 Peter 5:6–9 (ESV)** <sup>6</sup>Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, <sup>7</sup>casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup>Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. <sup>9</sup>Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.

➔ the picture of turning to God

**Matthew 18:1–4 (ESV)** <sup>1</sup>At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” <sup>2</sup>And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them <sup>3</sup>and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

**4. God requires we keep asking so that we constantly turn to Him**

**Matthew 7:9-11**

**"Seeking God"** means to actively, intentionally pursue God's presence. The Bible identifies it as *"setting the mind and heart" on God*. It is purposefully fixing our attention (mind) and affection (heart) on God.

**5. God ultra provides so we experience Him as Loving Heavenly Dad**

**Matthew 7:11**

**Luke 11:13 (ESV)** If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, **how much more** will the heavenly Father **give the Holy Spirit** to those **who ask him!**"

**John 10:10 (ESV)** The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

**Ephesians 3:20–21 (ESV)** <sup>20</sup>Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, <sup>21</sup>to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

**Zephaniah 3:17 (ESV)** The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

**What do we do with this?**

- What stuck out to you?
- What is God saying about what stuck out?
- What do you need to do in response?

## New Song News

**Psalm 100 (ESV)** A Psalm for giving thanks. <sup>1</sup>Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! <sup>2</sup>Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! <sup>3</sup>Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. <sup>4</sup>Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! <sup>5</sup>For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

**Colossians 3:15–17 (ESV)** <sup>15</sup>And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup>Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. <sup>17</sup>And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

**1 Thessalonians 5:16–19 (ESV)** <sup>16</sup>Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup>pray without ceasing, <sup>18</sup>give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. <sup>19</sup>Do not quench the Spirit.

### Today

- ✓ Celebration of Communion

### Next Sunday

- ✓ Advent begins.

### This Week

- ✓ From Where God Sits episodes, 12:11pm on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from Pastor Herb's Facebook page.
- ✓ Wednesday, 9am–noon, Ladies' Bible Study at HQ. Bring Bible, pen and paper to study God's purpose for you. See Nancy Seman for more info.
- ✓ Thursday, 7pm – Weekly Bible Study through Pastor Herb's Facebook page. This week is a study of Joshua 7.
- ✓ Friday, 10am - Women's Bible Study. Current: The Holy Spirit by Charles Stanley. Contact Debbie Mazzeo for study book & Susan Katreeb for info

### Looking Ahead

- ✓ Live streaming of worship services will continue for the foreseeable future.
- ✓ New Song FB Live link: <https://www.facebook.com/NewSongPittsburgh/>.
- ✓ New Song YouTube Channel - Sunday sermons, Thursday Bible Studies & Pastor Herb's daily 12:11pm From Where God Sits episodes: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGj3cRY-AnOkv1AetkgDMMw>

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To Date	\$ 123,372.03	\$ 129,795.19	Balance \$ 3,075.16	Month Total \$ 5.00
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- ✦ S.L.O. Lifestyle with God Together  
Surrender ➔ Listen ➔ Obey ...*together*
- ✦ Soldier-like Friendships  
“Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another.” Proverbs. 27:17
- ✦ Salty Presence “Beyond the Walls”  
Making people thirsty for Jesus