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Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread

Matthew 6:9-13

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And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples. ² 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. ³ Give us day by day our daily bread. ⁴ 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. ⁵ And he said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves; ⁶ For a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him? ⁷ And he from within shall answer and say, Trouble me not: the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give thee. ⁸ I say unto you, Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth. ⁹ And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. ¹⁰ For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. ¹¹ If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? ¹² Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? ¹³ If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?





Luke 11:2

•And he said to them, “**When you pray,**

NOT ‘if you pray’

So do you?

Sadly many Christians do not pray because they don't know what to say.





Luke 11:1 (ESV)

• Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.”

Matthew 6:9 (AV/ESV)

- After this manner therefore pray ye:
- Pray then like this:

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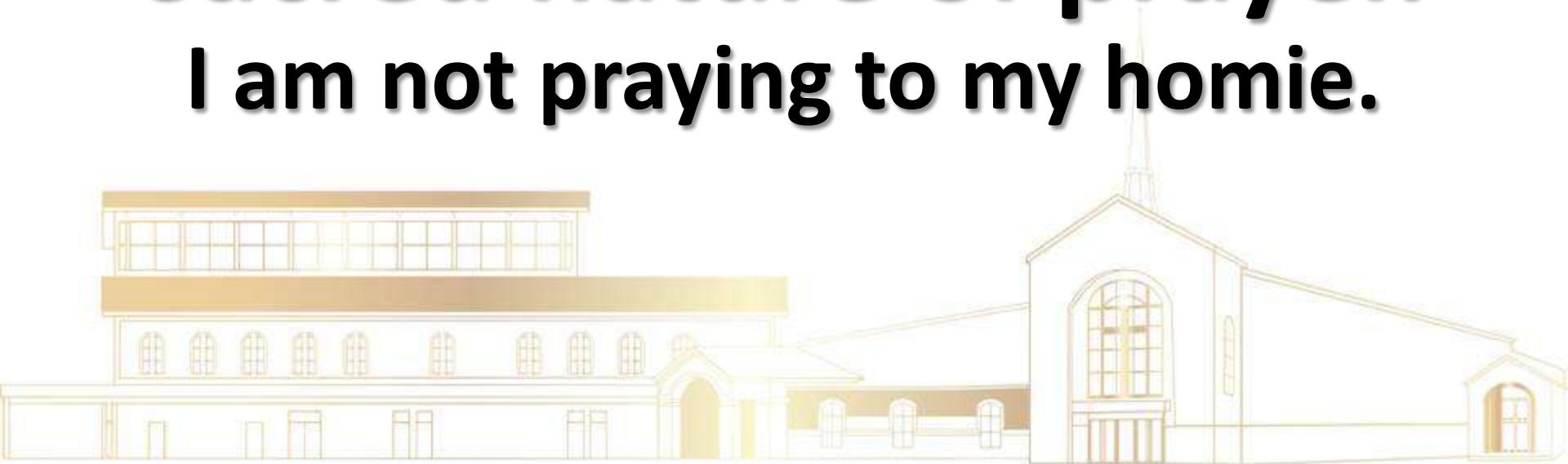
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**Memorizing the Lord's
prayer provides a
framework or guide for
what to say**



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Hallowed be
reminds us of the
sacred nature of prayer.
I am not praying to my homie.



Matthew 6:9 (ESV)

- Pray then like this: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

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Name refers to the
character and nature of
God in all His Pure
Perfections



Pray in this way:

- **Exalt God's Holy Name**
- **Articulate words that Worship God**
- **Express gratitude**
- **Proclaim God's goodness**
- **Tell God you love him**
- **Give God the glory with words**



Matthew 6:9; Luke 11:2

- Thy kingdom come

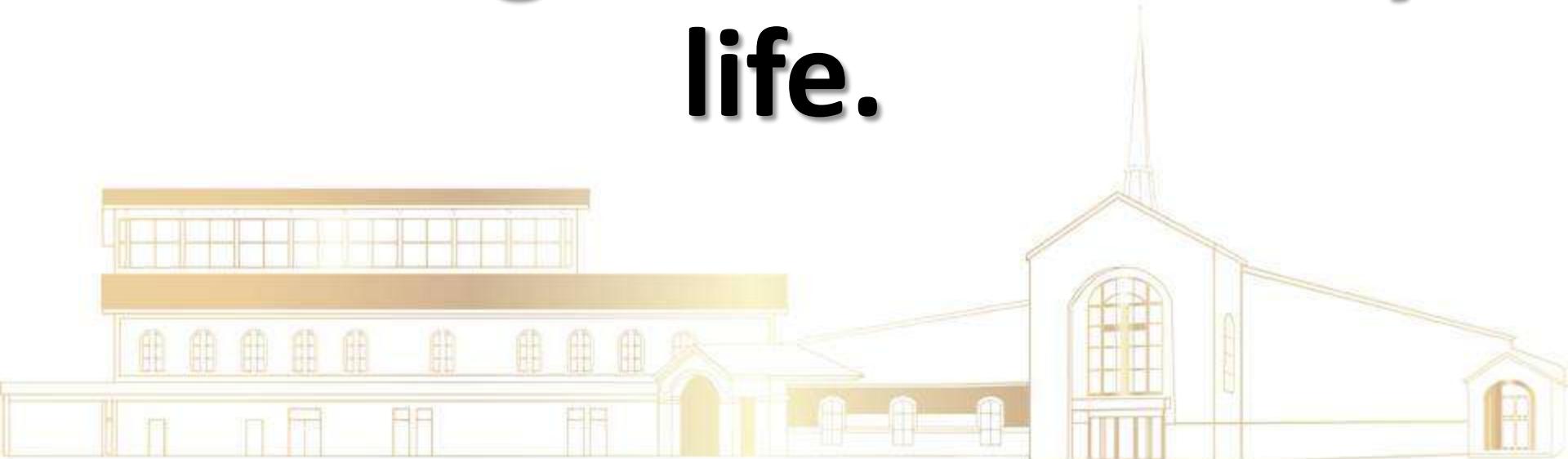
Petition #1

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**Thy kingdom come
begins as I submit to
the reign of Christ in my
life.**



“Thy Kingdom Come” prayers include:

- **Confession of Sin**
- **Prayers for grace to obey**
- **Petitions that give God Glory**
- **Advancement of the gospel**
- **Restoration of wayward saints**
- **Salvation of the lost**
- **Power to be holy**
- **Supplications for unity**



Luke 11:2



•Thy will be done,
as in heaven, so in
earth.

Petition #2

“Thy will be done” prayers include:

- Any request for wisdom
- Petitions for discernment
- Appeals for all forms of reconciliation
- Anything to do with sanctification
- Calls for repentance



Matthew 6:11

- Give us this day our daily bread.

Petition #3

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What does the bread represent?



Genesis 3:19

- **In the sweat of thy face
shalt thou eat bread, till
thou return unto the ground; for
out of it wast thou taken: for dust
thou *art*, and unto dust shalt thou
return.**

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Exodus 16:3-4

- And the children of Israel said unto them, Would to God we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the flesh pots, *and when we did eat bread to the full*; for ye have brought us forth into this wilderness, to kill this whole assembly with hunger. ⁴ Then said the LORD unto Moses, *Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you*; and the people shall go out and gather a certain rate every day, that I may prove them, whether they will walk in my law, or no.

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**Bread is the Bible
word for any and
all forms of
substance.**



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Let me Show You

2 Corinthians 9:10

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2 Corinthians 9:10 (AV)

Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for *your* food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;)

2 Corinthians 9:10 (ESV)

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.

2 Corinthians 9:10 (NET)

Now God who provides seed for the sower and bread for food will provide and multiply your supply of seed and will cause the harvest of your righteousness to grow.



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#1

**God is the provider of
the seed for the plant
that makes my bread.**



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#2

**But the seed must be
planted, the plant
harvested, and the bread
made—we call this work.**



In the beginning, everyone made their own bread until that first husband-wife team figured out that they could trade bread for meat or fruit and vegetables and the first seed of capitalism was planted.

Eventually bread could be bought with currency and the degree to which one depended upon God to provide the seed, the sun, and the rain for the crop, for the bread was diminished until today.

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Matthew 5:45 (ESV)

Reminds us that

- [God] makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and [God] sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

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Twenty-first century application of “give us this day our daily bread” must include:

- **Acknowledgement that God is the ultimate source of substance (i.e. He supplied the 1st chicken to make the 1st egg etc.)**
- **Requests for work or employment**



2 Thessalonians 3:10 (ESV)

- For even when we were with you, we would give you this command:

If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat.

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**We don't just pray—
Give us this day our daily bread—
and do nothing.**

**That is not the universe God
designed and created.**



2 Thessalonians 3:8 (NET)

- and we did not eat anyone's food without paying.
- Instead, in toil and drudgery we worked night and day in order not to burden any of you.

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Twenty-first century application of “give us this day our daily bread” must include:

- Good health in order to work
- God’s blessing upon my work
- Safety and security so that I can work
- Wisdom to work well
- Petitions for good stewardship
- Divine intervention to overcome the effects of the fall



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To Pray Correctly

Concerning

“Give us this day our daily bread”

I must have a biblically correct
understanding of work.

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#1

**Humans were created
to work the earth. We
are God's sub-creators.**



Genesis 2:15

- The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden **to work it and keep it.**

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#2

**In nearly all cases, your
bread is NOT going to fall
out of heaven for you.**



Ephesian 4:28 (ESV)

- Let the thief no longer steal,
**but rather let him labor,
doing honest work with
his own hands,** so that he
may have something to share
with anyone in need.

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2 Thessalonians 3:12
(AV)

Now them that are such we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread.

(ESV)

Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.

(NET)

Now such people we command and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to work quietly and so provide their own food to eat.



Proverbs 6:6-9 (ESV)

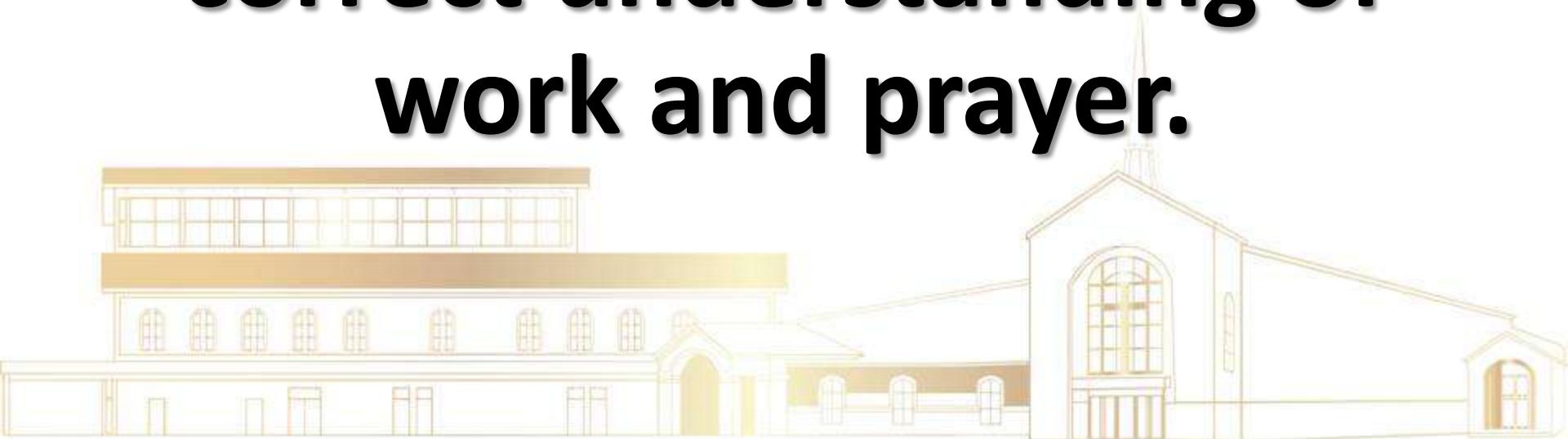
- Go to the ant, O sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise.⁷ Without having any chief, officer, or ruler,⁸ she prepares her bread in summer and gathers her food in harvest.⁹ How long will you lie there, O sluggard? When will you arise from your sleep?

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#3

The current global ‘word faith’ doesn’t help with a correct understanding of work and prayer.



**Bread also serves as a
universal word for what I need
NOT want.**

**I need water to drink and food
to eat.**

**I don't need a new car or a
promotion.**



Philippians 4:19

- But my God **shall supply all your need** according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

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BUT

Wait!



Philippians 4:6

- do not be anxious about anything, **but in everything** by prayer and supplication

with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

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BUT

Wait!



James 4:3 (ESV)

- You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly,
- **to spend it on your passions.**

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Why the
emphasis
upon daily?



**Day-by-day reminds
me of my complete
dependence upon
God for life!**



We live in complete dependence upon God:

- Air to breathe
- Water to drink
- A heart to beat
- A brain to function
- Food to eat
- Even an appetite to eat



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Turn to
Luke
12:13-21

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Luke 12:13–21 (ESV)

Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” But he said to him, “Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?” And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, “**Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.”**’ But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”



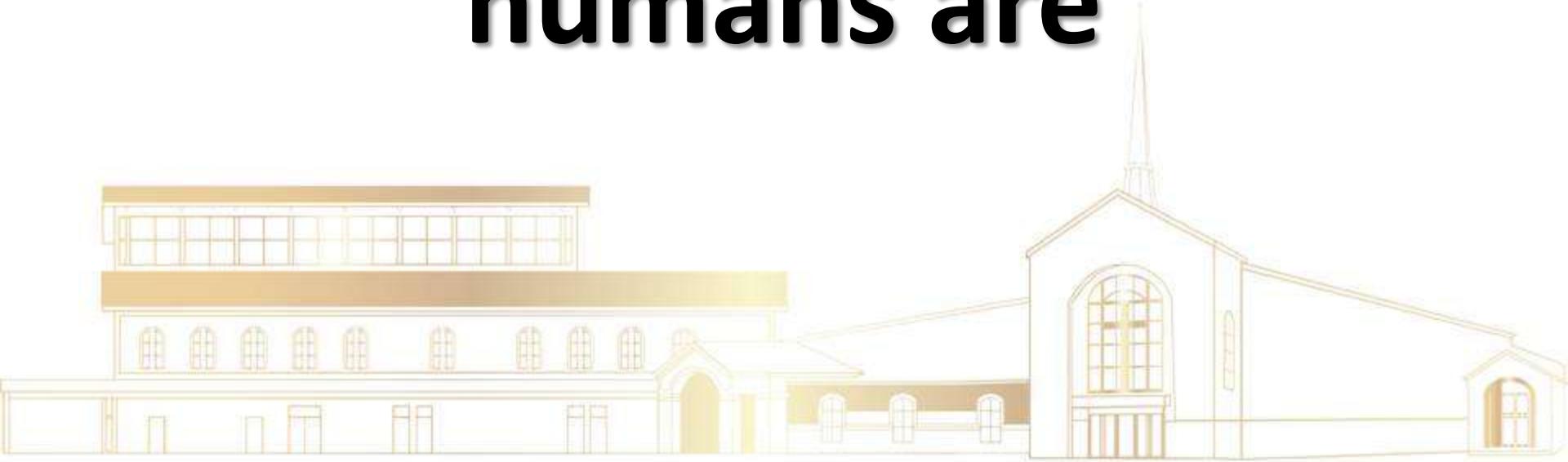
**What was the sin in
this story?**

**Was it storing up
goods?**



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**This petition reminds
me just how dependent
humans are**



**Human babies have no
chance of survival
without help from
something or someone
else**



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“Give us this day”
reminds me that my
very existence is in
God’s hands





**Is it an accident that Jesus
taught his disciples to pray,
“Give us this day our daily bread”
and then will later declare
“I am the bread of life.”?**

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Turn to John 6 v. 25ff

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- 1. I am the bread of life**
- 2. I am the light of the world**
- 3. I am the door of the sheep**
- 4. I am the good shepherd**
- 5. I am the resurrection and the life**
- 6. I am the way, the truth, and the life**
- 7. I am the true vine**