

Sermon Title: Trusting God for Today

Sermon Text: Matthew 6:11

Date: May 17, 2026

SERMON NOTES:

QUESTIONS:

1. What stood out to you from the sermon or your time with God this week?
2. Tim pointed out that Jesus teaches us to pray “our Father” and “give us,” not “my Father” and “give me.” (Try reading the prayer both ways!) What stands out to you when you read this prayer communally instead of individually?
3. Read Matthew 6:11 and Exodus 16:4 & 13–21. Why do you think Jesus quotes the provision of daily manna when teaching His disciples to pray?

4. Asking God for daily bread is a confession that we are not in control. Where in your day-to-day life do you find yourself looking for security, control, or stability? How do you typically respond in those moments?

5. Tim gave three applications this week: ask God for daily provision, thank God for daily provision, and become the provision someone else is praying for. Which one stands out to you most right now? What's one practical way you could live that out this week?

CASE STUDY:

Moses: "I think we miss something when we read this. Jesus said bread — not steak, not dessert. Remember Numbers 11? God's people had manna and they were not happy. They were bored with bread and wanted to go back to Egypt for quail and leeks and onions. God was upset with them for that and gave them so much quail it made them sick! Some people treat God like that, a cosmic vending machine — give me this! give me that! But God is more concerned with our holiness than our happiness."

Jennifer: "I hear you, but I feel like God's heart is bigger than the bare minimum, right? If we know how to give good gifts, isn't God better? Like in Genesis, God didn't have to make Adam and Eve hunger. He gave them hunger so that they could enjoy every fruit and flavor He created for them! He gave them the desire to be loved so they could know the joy of sharing a meal and telling stories and holding one another. I like to think that every desire is a sign that God wants to satisfy us, and a promise that He one day will."

Hao: "I wonder about that though. Two years ago I prayed for a job and I didn't get it, and at first I was so disappointed, but God opened another opportunity and I learned that the first company went out of business a little later. I thought it was a good thing for me, but it would have been bad! We do that all the time -- we pray for cake instead of daily bread -- things that would make us sick or leave us hungry!"

Maria: "I think we're asking 'what am I allowed to want from God,' but Jesus is not teaching us a rule about what to ask for. He said, 'seek first the kingdom and all these things will be added to you,' and 'delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart.' I think He's teaching us to come — every day, hungry, with whatever we have. When He says, 'give us our daily bread,' the bread is not the focus. We come to Him with empty hands asking Him to provide for us and the people around us."

What do you think? Do you think God's provision is only about needs, or does it include our wants too?