**Our Father… Part 2 – Daily Bread**

INTRODUCTION

As Pentecostal Christians we believe in breakthrough – that through prayer we partner with God to see circumstances change for the better. It’s biblical, and many of us have experienced it. I believe this posture, this fighting attitude, should be our default position (ref. last week’s message). However, victory in prayer doesn’t always look like breakthrough (improvement of circumstance). Victory is also receiving sustenance for that day. Victory is:

* … always knowing that God looks like Jesus.
* … being content in all circumstances.
* … you’re still standing.

In prayer God provides us with the sustenance of Himself – He is our daily bread.

SCRIPTURE

*Jesus: “Your will be done… Give us this day our daily bread.” (Matthew 6:10-11)*

*Apostle Paul: “I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” (Philippians 4:11-13)*

Key Points

(1) God’s kingdom is already *and* not yet, present *and* future.

(2) Victory only comes *through Christ* – see Philippians 4:13 i.e. contentment is a by-product of prayer.

(3) E. M. Bounds, “Prayer is a trade to be learned, and it is a life trade.”

(4) When do you pray? Where do you pray?

“The main function of prayer is simply to be with someone you love.” (theologian Greg Boyd)

“We learn by doing. You learn how to pray by praying just as you can only learn how to swim by… swimming.” (Dr David Ireland)

QUESTIONS

* What do you think these verses are saying?
* What do these verses say about God?
* What do these verses say about people?
* Is there a person or character you identify with? Why?
* Is there a command to obey, a sin to avoid or an example we should follow?
* Share how you plan to apply this in your life.

Challenge

Come along to either **Prayer Chapel on Monday 7am – 8am** (sung-worship focussed), OR our **Prayer Service on Wednesday 7am– 7.45am** (ideal for people wanting to grow in prayer).