

DAY 04

THURSDAY,
FEBRUARY 2

*"This is a woman [his mom] who prays for parking spots.
How else would you find one?" —Paul Miller*

"Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." Luke 18:17

TODAY'S DEVOTIONAL:

Christians are afraid to ask God for specific things—the requests feels selfish. Take it from Jesus' brother, asking God for selfish things is a bad decision (James 4:2-3), and we certainly do not want to be seen as prosperity preachers or prosperity askers. However, we need to come to our Heavenly Father like a child. Asking for specific items from our Father—even the ones that seem mundane ("God, please give me an opportunity to talk to my co-worker, Steve, who I think looked at me oddly yesterday")—are a gift. They aren't all the prayers we pray, but they are part of our ordinary life with our Father. After all, children don't filter their requests to mom or dad. It is up to mom or dad to deal with the heart and it is up to our Heavenly Father to deal with us, too. Abide in Jesus, make (all of) your requests known, and trust him with the outcomes. Otherwise, we'll think parts of life are too unimportant to bring under his care—and then we've lost the gift of being a child.

TODAY'S PRAYER FOR GOD'S PEOPLE:

Father, I pray that every person who reads this brings one specific—even uncomfortable or awkward—request before you today. Show them your grace in mercy by perhaps even answering it today.

TODAY'S PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE ON YOUR LIST:

Father, give me a good conversation with one person on my list today. Provide an opportunity for them to move one step closer to trusting Jesus.

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