

Daily Bread
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I am the bread of life. John 6:48

“Give us this day our daily bread.” Many of you have prayed these words – maybe even today. It is more than just a request for bread. In these words, we are asking God to give us the provisions we need for the day. The prayer reminds us that these provisions are a gift and that even the day itself is a gift.

What provisions do you need to get through a day? It seems the older I get, the more I “need” to get through the day. I need my glasses, my phone, and my keys. I need food, water, and money. I need coffee and I need Tylenol. I need a bathroom within walking distance. I need my comfy shoes and pants with a stretchy waistband. I need notes to remind me of everything. I need to go to bed at a reasonable time. I need a bathroom, again!

Did you notice what was missing from the list of things I “need” to get me through the day? I am ashamed of how often I neglect what I need most to get me through the day – JESUS! I get so caught up in all my aches, pains, feelings, frustrations, commitments, activities, physical needs, and so on, that I forget about the depth of my sin, my insignificance in the universe, and the great Gift of Jesus, the Bread of Life. All we have is a gift (even coffee and pants with stretchy waistbands). As we experience all the gifts of life, may we never forget the greatest gift of all – The Crucified and Risen Jesus!