

**Welcome to thinplaceNASHVILLE: Week of June 14, 2020** What is God's word for you today? What is Jesus speaking to you about today? Ask, Listen, Notice what the Holy Spirit is saying to you!

### **OPENING PRAYER CANDLES (Pray /repeat after leader)**

Lord we ask you to fill us with your Hope

Lord, fill us with your Peace

Lord fill us with your Joy

Lord, fill us with your Love

And Lord Help us to see your Light! AMEN

### **GIVING STUFF TO JESUS to HOLD FOR US: (body prayer practice)**

We are all carrying many heavy things today...let us give them to God to hold and carry for us. Cup your hands in front of you and imagine all the heavy things your are holding...feel the weight. Now give these things into the hands of God to hold and carry for you today. And know God will hold them and be in charge of them, you don't have to carry them anymore.

## **PSALM 86 PT**

*King David's prayer*

<sup>1</sup> Lord, bend down to listen to my prayer.

I am in deep trouble. I'm broken and humbled,  
and I desperately need your help.

<sup>2</sup> Guard my life, for I'm your faithful friend, your loyal  
servant for life.

I turn to you in faith, my God, my hero; come and  
rescue me!

<sup>3</sup> Lord God, hear my constant cry for help;  
show me your favor and bring me to your fountain of  
grace!

<sup>4</sup> Restore joy to your loving servant once again,  
for all I am is yours, O God.

<sup>5</sup> Lord, you are so good to me, so kind in every way  
and ready to forgive,  
for your grace-fountain keeps overflowing,  
drenching all your lovers who pray to you.

<sup>6</sup> God, won't you pay attention to this urgent cry?  
Lord, bend down to listen to my prayer.

<sup>7</sup> Whenever trouble strikes, I will keep crying out to  
you, for I know your help is on the way.

<sup>8</sup> God, there's no one like you;  
there's no other god as famous as you.

You outshine all others and your miracles make it  
easy to know you.

<sup>9</sup> Lord Almighty, you are the one who created all the  
nations;

Look at them—they're all on their way!

Yes, the day will come when they all will worship you  
and put your glory on display.

<sup>10</sup> You are the one and only God.

What miracles! What wonders! What greatness  
belongs to you!

<sup>11</sup> Teach me more about you, how you work and how  
you move,  
so that I can walk onward in your truth  
until everything within me brings honor to your name.  
AMEN

## Matthew 10: 24-42 New International Version (NIV)

<sup>24</sup> 'The student I

s not above the teacher, nor a servant above his master. <sup>25</sup> It is enough for students to be like their teachers, and servants like their masters. If the head of the house has been called Beelzebul, how much more the members of his household!

<sup>26</sup> 'So do not be afraid of them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. <sup>27</sup> What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs. <sup>28</sup> Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup> Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care.<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>30</sup> And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. <sup>31</sup> So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

<sup>32</sup> 'Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. <sup>33</sup> But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven.

<sup>34</sup> 'Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. <sup>35</sup> For I have come to turn

“a man against his father,  
a daughter against her mother,  
a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law –  
a man's enemies will be the members of his own household.”

<sup>37</sup> 'Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. <sup>38</sup> Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup> Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it.

<sup>40</sup> 'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. <sup>41</sup> Whoever welcomes a prophet as a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person as a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. <sup>42</sup> And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward.'

## **Matthew 10: 24-42 The Message (MSG)**

24-25 “A student doesn’t get a better desk than her teacher. A laborer doesn’t make more money than his boss. Be content—pleased, even—when you, my students, my harvest hands, get the same treatment I get. If they call me, the Master, ‘Dungface,’ what can the workers expect?

26-27 “Don’t be intimidated. Eventually everything is going to be out in the open, and everyone will know how things really are. So don’t hesitate to go public now.

28 “Don’t be bluffed into silence by the threats of bullies. There’s nothing they can do to your soul, your core being. Save your fear for God, who holds your entire life—body and soul—in his hands.

29-31 “What’s the price of a pet canary? Some loose change, right? And God cares what happens to it even more than you do. He pays even greater attention to you, down to the last detail—even numbering the hairs on your head! So don’t be intimidated by all this bully talk. You’re worth more than a million canaries.

32-33 “Stand up for me against world opinion and I’ll stand up for you before my Father in heaven. If you turn tail and run, do you think I’ll cover for you?

34-37 “Don’t think I’ve come to make life cozy. I’ve come to cut—make a sharp knife-cut between son and father, daughter and mother, bride and mother-in-law—cut through these cozy domestic arrangements and free you for God. Well-meaning family members can be your worst enemies. If you prefer father or mother over me, you don’t deserve me. If you prefer son or daughter over me, you don’t deserve me.

38-39 “If you don’t go all the way with me, through thick and thin, you don’t deserve me. If your first concern is to look after yourself, you’ll never find yourself. But if you forget about yourself and look to me, you’ll find both yourself and me.

40-42 “We are intimately linked in this harvest work. Anyone who accepts what you do, accepts me, the One who sent you. Anyone who accepts what I do accepts my Father, who sent me. Accepting a messenger of God is as good as being God’s messenger. Accepting someone’s help is as good as giving someone help. This is a large work I’ve called you into, but don’t be overwhelmed by it. It’s best to start small. Give a cool cup of water to someone who is thirsty, for instance. The smallest act of giving or receiving makes you a true apprentice. You won’t lose out on a thing.”

## Matthew 10:24-42 The Passion Translation (TPT)

<sup>24</sup> “A student is not superior to his teacher any more than a servant would be greater than his master.

<sup>25</sup> The student must be satisfied to share his teacher’s fate and the servant his master’s. If they have called the head of the family ‘lord of flies,’<sup>[a]</sup> no wonder they malign the members of his family.

<sup>26</sup> “Don’t be afraid or intimidated by others, for God will bring everything out into the open and every secret will be told. <sup>27</sup> What I say to you in the dark, repeat in broad daylight, and what you hear in a whisper, announce it publicly. <sup>28</sup> Don’t be in fear of those who can kill only the body but not your soul. Fear only God, who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup> You can buy two sparrows for only a copper coin, yet not even one sparrow falls from its nest without the knowledge of your Father. Aren’t you worth much more to God than many sparrows? <sup>30–31</sup> So don’t worry. For your Father cares deeply about even the smallest detail of your life.

<sup>32</sup> “If you openly and publicly acknowledge me, I will freely and openly acknowledge you before my heavenly Father. <sup>33</sup> But if you publicly deny that you know me,<sup>[c]</sup> I will also deny you before my heavenly Father.

<sup>34</sup> “Perhaps you think I’ve come to spread peace and calm over the earth—but my coming will bring conflict and division, not peace. <sup>35</sup> Because of me,

A son will turn against his father,  
a daughter her mother  
and against her mother-in-law.<sup>[e]</sup>

<sup>36</sup> Within your own families you will find enemies.<sup>[f]</sup>

<sup>37</sup> “Whoever loves father or mother or son or daughter more than me is not fit to be my disciple.<sup>[g]</sup> <sup>38</sup> And whoever comes to me must follow in my steps and be willing to share my cross and experience it as his own, or he cannot be considered to be my disciple. <sup>39</sup> All who seek to live apart from me will lose it all. But those who let go of their lives for my sake and surrender it all to me will discover true life!

<sup>40</sup> “Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives the One who sent me.

<sup>41</sup> Whoever receives a prophet because he is God’s messenger<sup>[h]</sup> will share a prophet’s reward. And whoever welcomes a good and godly man because he follows me<sup>[k]</sup> will also share in his reward. <sup>42</sup> And whoever gives a cup of cold water to one of my humble disciples, I promise you, he will not go unrewarded.”

## **QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER and Journal from this week:**

**What do you notice that you haven't noticed before? What is God speaking to you about TODAY as you read these passages? Take time to read them again, use different translations to hear it in fresh ways.**

**What questions do you have? What questions come up as you read the passage. Talk to Jesus about them.**

**How are you in need of help today? What are you crying out to God about today? What prayers do you want God to listen to right now?**

**How can you see God as your hero?**

**Considering all that is happening in our world right now, What things that are in the dark, do you want to be brought into the Light?**

**"Stand up for me against world opinion and I'll stand up for you before my Father in heaven." How can you stand up for Jesus and his kingdom work in the world right now? Pray about this and ask Jesus to show you.**

**Have you ever denied Jesus in front of people? Talk to him about this and if you still are carrying any guilt or shame, give this to Jesus to carry for you and ask him to forgive you.**

**"Well-meaning family members can be your worst enemies." Do you have conflict with anyone in your family? Talk to Jesus about this. Take time to pray for your family members or friends with whom you have conflict, being reminded we are called to LOVE OUR ENEMIES and pray for those who persecute us.**

**"So don't worry. For your Father cares deeply about even the smallest detail of your life. How does it feel to know that God the Father, Creator God, cares so deeply for you that God knows the number of hairs on your head?**

**How can we give more "cups of cold water" to people in the days ahead? What does this look like in the middle of covid19 and the Black Lives Matter movement? Ask Jesus to show you!**

**Make a plan**

## **RESPONSES and Questions for Jesus...**

## CLOSING PRAYER:

Lord!

Give us grace today to love as you love.

Help us to love with extravagance.

Give us hope today for ourselves and others.

Heal our hurts and our hearts today,

So we can serve and help those around us.

Help us to know that you are enough.

And help us live today and everyday in thankfulness.

For all you've done and for all you bless us with.

In the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. AMEN.



## HOMEWORK:

**Watch for Sparrows/ Birds this week !** Allow the birds to remind you of God's great care and compassion for you! Remember that Jesus cares about the details of your life!

**ART** by my friend Jill Hicks "common yellow throat"

**LISTEN** to my friend Scott Erickson's sermon on HOPE

<https://youtu.be/lyPCZ2wEMLU?t=1299>  
Start about 21 minutes in.

Check out Richard Rohr's Homily on this passage

<https://cac.org/podcasts/true-goodness-normally-persecuted/#gsc.tab=0>

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