



YOU CAN'T ALWAYS GET WHAT YOU WANT

Part 3: *"Thanks, But No Thanks"*

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I'M THANKFUL WHEN I DON'T ALWAYS GET WHAT I WANT, BECAUSE...

1. ...I BECOME MORE SENSITIVE AND GENEROUS TO THE NEEDS OF OTHERS

"When evening came, the owner of the vineyard went to his foreman and said, 'Call in all the laborers, line them up, and pay them the same wages, starting with the most recent ones I hired and finishing with the ones who worked all day.'

'When those hired late in the day came to be paid, they were given a full day's wage. And when those who had been hired first came to be paid, they were convinced that they would receive more. But everyone was paid the standard wage. When they realized what had happened, they were offended and complained to the landowner, saying, 'You're treating us unfairly!

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They've only worked for one hour while we've slaved and sweated all day under the scorching sun. You've made them equal to us!' The landowner replied, 'Friends, I'm not being unfair—I'm doing exactly what I said. Didn't you agree to work for the standard wage? If I want to give those who only worked for an hour equal pay, what does that matter to you? Don't I have the right to do what I want with what is mine? Why should my generosity make you jealous of them?' Now you can understand what I meant when I said that the first will end up last and the last will end up being first. Everyone is invited, but few are the chosen.'"

Matthew 20:8-16 (TPT)

"Be free from pride-filled opinions, for they will only harm your cherished unity. Don't allow self-promotion to hide in your hearts, but in authentic humility put others first and view others as more important than yourselves."

Philippians 2:3 (TPT)

2. ...I BECOME MORE AWARE OF MY NEED TO LEARN AND GROW

"When you are invited to an important social function, don't be quick to sit near the head of the table, choosing the seat of honor."

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What will happen when someone more distinguished than you arrives? The host will then bring him over to where you are sitting and ask for your seat, saying in front of all the guests, 'You're in the wrong place. Please give this person your seat.' Disgraced, you will have to take whatever seat is left. Instead, when you're invited to a banquet, you should choose to sit in the lowest place so that when your host comes and sees you there, he may say, 'My friend, come with me and let me seat you in a better place.' Then, in front of all the other guests at the banquet, you will be honored and seated in the place of highest respect."

Luke 14:8-10 (TPT)

"From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples what would happen to him. He told them he must go to Jerusalem. There he must suffer many things from the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law. He must be killed and on the third day rise to life again. Peter took Jesus to one side and began to scold him. 'Never, Lord!' he said. 'This will never happen to you!' Jesus turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are standing in my way. You do not have in mind the things God cares about. Instead, you only have in mind the things humans care about.' Then Jesus spoke to his disciples. He said, 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must say no to themselves. They must pick up their cross and follow me.'

Whoever wants to save their life will lose it. But whoever loses their life for me will find it. What good is it if someone gains the whole world but loses their soul? Or what can anyone trade for their soul?"

Matthew 16:21-26 (NIRV)

3. ...I CAN STOP INTERFERING WITH GOD'S BLESSINGS

"Do you know of any parent who would give his hungry child, who asked for food, a plate of rocks instead? Or when asked for a piece of fish, what parent would offer his child a snake instead? If you, imperfect as you are, know how to lovingly take care of your children and give them what's best, how much more ready is your heavenly Father to give wonderful gifts to those who ask him?"

Matthew 7:9-11 (TPT)

"And this is the boldness we have in God's presence: that if we ask God for anything that agrees with what he wants, he hears us."

1 John 5:14 (NCV)

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