



November 2021

Dear Partner,

Thank you for all your prayers and support of our ministry as we continue to recover from Hurricane Ida. My September and October Partner letters to you were already at the printer when that terrible storm devastated our region on the 29th of August. Just 10 days later, I have updated my November letter to you so that I could tell you how we are all doing.

As you may know through our social media postings, JDM had roof damage to several of our buildings and many downed trees. But thanks to our generator, we were able to have church on the first Sunday after the storm and give relief supplies to our congregation—for themselves, as well as to distribute to those in need. We immediately connected with our staff, and although 90% incurred damage of some kind, 75% of them are already back at work. We are all working together to help each other and are committed to our vision of “Reaching People and Changing Lives, One Soul at a Time.” Day by day, we expect to see things repaired and restored—for our ministry, staff, congregation, Partners, and all that were affected by Hurricane Ida.

We just want you to know that in all this, we’ve felt your love and prayers—and we appreciate your concern for us, for our staff, and for our church. As always, God has been with us all, every step of the way. While we still may be repairing some physical things back home, we are not letting those outward damages distract us from our core mission. We’re not shrinking back. The Word of God is going out every day through preaching, television programs, and social media postings because no matter what the devil does, our God is able to restore all! We serve a good God and in *every thing*, we give Him thanks.

**In *EVERY THING*, We Pray and Ask with a Heart of Thanksgiving
*Thanksgiving Is a Year-Round State of Mind for Believers!***

As you know, it is November and that means it’s time for the Thanksgiving holidays here in the USA. If you live in a country that doesn’t have a Thanksgiving type of holiday, I encourage you to make your own. I think it’s a good idea to put a date on your calendar and set aside a special day just to celebrate God for all He’s done in your life—and I think it’s especially important if you’re going through something tough. This isn’t about being thankful for problems. It’s about being thankful knowing that no matter what, God is with you, He’s leading you, and with Him you are not only going to make it but have a great testimony on the other side of that challenge.

All this year, we’ve been talking about our theme, “*What shall I do for thee?*” This is my 11th letter on that theme and I’ve enjoyed every one of them! God has been showing me all year long through His Word that He really is saying to all of us, “*What shall I do for thee?*” He wants us to answer Him. He wants to hear us voicing what we really desire from Him. So, this month, I want to share yet another

verse from God's Word where we are instructed to see God as our Provider—the One Who wants us to ask Him for what we want. Philippians 4:6 is our main scripture this month, and it says, *“Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.”*

Partner, if God had no intention of listening to us or answering our requests, Philippians 4:6 wouldn't exist in His Word. It's another *“What shall I do for thee?”* kind of scripture where we are given clear instruction. In this verse, I want you to notice three things: 1) the words *every thing*, 2) the words *prayer and supplication*, and 3) the words *with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God*.

This verse lets us know right up front that worry isn't good, *but in every thing* we should pray, ask, and give thanks when we are making our requests known to God. Partner, we go to God because He's the Answer and the Source for our lives, and we go to Him with thanksgiving because gratitude is part of the process of receiving. Philippians 4:6 shows us how to get our needs, desires, and wants met the right way—by making God a priority and seeing Him as our Provider.

Don't Hold Back, Just Obey—God Can Handle Your Supplication

“In Every thing” Means In EVERY THING!

Point one of this month's teaching, based on Philippians 4:6, is this: **You should not be reserved in your asking and you must not overlook the words “in every thing.”** God is unlimited. Don't be concerned about what you bring before Him. Nothing is too much for Him! By saying *“in every thing,”* God is showing His mighty love for you.

Partner, if God says *“every thing,”* then you should go to Him with great confidence. Don't hold back! Just obey. Remember, God is God! He can handle your supplications. Your requests aren't too much for Him. So, obey Hebrews 4:16 and go boldly to the throne of His grace. It's in His presence that you'll obtain mercy and find grace. It's in His presence you need to make your requests known—and He wants you to show up to that throne with some thanksgiving in your heart!

God loves you with an everlasting love, Partner. Really think about that for a minute! I want you to equate His provision with His love, because they are connected—God is a Giver and He wants to do so much for you. Have faith in Him and obey the principles of His Word. Too many believers limit God by thinking small. Too many believers just refuse to ask because they think it's too much—but *“in every thing”* means in EVERY THING!

If it's on your mind and in your heart, then it's worth bringing to the Lord in prayer. Don't limit God or cut Him out when it comes to what you want. Just be obedient to Philippians 4:6! Remember our theme and imagine that God is asking you every day, *“What shall I do for thee?”* He stands ready, open to hear you. Don't complicate this!

Don't Mix Care With PRAYER—Be Careful for Nothing

Open Your Heart and Your Arms Wide to God!

Don't let people's opinions stop you from asking God for what you truly want. You don't need to be anxious for anything. Anxiety is for the lost and is a form of fear. But blessing is for you! It takes faith to ask and faith to receive. This is why we must be *“careful for nothing”* when we approach God, the One Who can do *every thing!*

Now, point two of this letter is this: **Come in prayer and supplication before your wonderful God!** Come childlike, not childish, before Him reminding yourself that prayer is God's language. Do not mix care with your prayer.

Philippians 4:6 begins with *“Be careful for nothing”* because before you ask God for something, you need to get rid of fear. Fear cancels out faith and limits you from receiving. If you want to receive anything from God, you can't worry yourself into an answered prayer.

So, when we go before God, we should go in *faith* and in *humbleness* knowing that He can take care of *any thing* and *every thing*. It's humble to lean upon the Lord and let go of worry. It's prideful to put

yourself at the center of your own faith and keep on worrying while you pray. To do that means you don't trust God enough to have faith that He is going to help you, intervene for you, or provide the answer for you. I know that sounds strong, but mixing care with your prayer is in direct disobedience to the instruction, "*Be careful for nothing.*"

What do you do with care? You throw it onto the Lord. First Peter 5:7 says, "*Casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you.*" Notice it doesn't say you rehearse your cares with the Lord. It doesn't say to set them down and pick them up again when you're finished praying. "*Casting all your care upon Him*" is throwing your cares to the only One Who can handle them. We aren't meant to live in constant worry. Start seeing worry as the form of fear that it is. Remind yourself about the last part of that verse—"*He careth for you.*"

Remind yourself of just Who you serve. God created *every thing* and He can handle *any thing*. He's your Provider, your Healer, and the One Who saves and delivers you. He's the Sanctifier, the Purifier, and the One Who sets you apart for greatness in Him. He's your Peace, your Shepherd, and your ever-present Help. All that, and He is telling you in His Word to bring *every thing* to Him in prayer with thanksgiving. Why thanksgiving? Because you've got a lot to be thankful for!

Go to God with your heart and your arms wide open and He will receive you. Yes, you must respect and honor God—His Word says that if we honor Him, He will honor us (1 Samuel 2:30). Boldly going to God in prayer *is* a form of respect and honor because that's what His Word says to do! But, no matter how you approach God, He will see your heart. Only *prayer* can do for you what *care* cannot do.

Prayers and Supplications Made with Thanksgiving to God Brings PEACE *God's Presence Brings Peace and His Word Can Be Trusted!*

Now, I want to go to the last point of this letter: **When you sincerely say "thank you" to God in prayer, your faith in Him will put a stop to thoughts of unpleasant and disturbing possibilities.** The Word says "*with thanksgiving*" because He wants to give you what you are asking for. Your thankfulness shows you believe He's going to do it, and that brings peace to your mind.

The peace of God will stand like a military sentry over your heart guarding you from fear. Now, that is divine security! Partner, the security of God's peace is superior to the unpleasantness of the world's fear. God is above everything and everyone, and He makes His superior peace available and obtainable for all. Partner, saying "thank you" and meaning it from the heart makes people smile. I think God likes it too! Don't you think it's safe to say that when you use those words, you'll get a good reaction? There's just something wonderful about gratitude and giving thanks.

Do you know what else is wonderful? Rest! Jesus said, "*Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest*" (Matthew 11:28). Notice that you bring care, cast it on Him, and He gives you peace and rest. Isn't that wonderful? You might ask, "But Brother Jesse, how do you know that God is going to answer your request?" Well, that's simple for me to answer. The Word of God has a divine element of duty in it. Every Word contains the energy and anointing of God—and His Word will remain forever. So, I know that if I base my prayers on the Word, I will receive my requests. Jesus paid the price so I could approach God without fear, and the Word shows me over and over that God is saying, "*What shall I do for thee?*" All I have to do is believe and obey, and I know that He will honor His promises to me.

Partner, I believe Psalm 89:34 so much that I had it engraved on my church: "*My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of My lips*" (Psalm 89:34). So, how do I know He'll answer? Because He said He would! He tells us to ask. He tells us to believe. His Word is full of verses that tell us He will answer, provide, and bless us if we have the guts enough to believe.

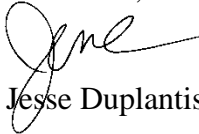
Whether it's spiritual, physical, or financial, *in every thing* we are to go to Him with a heart of thanks—and we do it because we know that Jesus paid the price so that we could. Now we can go to God like little children. We can boldly rush in with open arms, speaking freely with God and telling Him what we need and desire. We can give thanks ahead of time because we know He is listening and our faith is working! Jesus is the reason we can do all that, Partner. That's the Gospel and it's good!

The Gospel breathes life into me every day. It gives me the peace of God that passes all understanding. My communion with God brings light to everything in my life—and that's why I believe I should *"Be careful for nothing."* That's why I take no thought to any particular situation. I just go to God about it! Partner, God's Word is true. He's faithful. He loves us, and like the good Father He is, He is asking, *"What shall I do for thee?"* So, what are you going to talk to God about today? What will you ask? Will you leave your worry on Him and go with open arms? Will you have faith? Will you express true thanks like you "know that you know" it's coming to pass? After this letter today, I pray that you do!

In close, I'd just like to say thank you, Partner, for all that you do for this ministry—thank you for being so kind. Your faithful financial support is a great act of love to Cathy and me, and we appreciate your faithfulness to the cause of Christ. Our vision is to preach the Gospel—to reach people and change lives, one soul at a time, with the Word of God.

Every day, we are fulfilling the Great Commission in some way or another. We consider it an honor and a privilege to *"Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature"* (Mark 16:15). Thank you for helping us and being faithful to this vision. We couldn't do it without you! As you plant your seed today, remember the 100-fold return is yours—it belongs to you, just like every other promise that is in God's wonderful Word. Nothing is too big for God, and that means nothing is out of reach for you. Until next time, keep the faith!

Love You,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jesse Duplantis', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Jesse Duplantis

P.S. I'm so excited to share ***My Testimony of Heaven*** with you for your Partnership of \$50 or more this month, available on DVD, CD, or both formats. Or for your Partnership of any amount, it is available on CD. This was preached this year on May 21, 2021 at JDM. I know you'll be blessed by it. You can get yours today by going to JDM.org (click on "Donate") or by checking the enclosure and returning it in the envelope provided. Thank you, Partner, for all you do!



Asking **GOD** *with*
THANKSGIVING!

“What Shall
I Do For Thee?”
2 KINGS 4:2

November 2021
Partner Letter Bible Study Notes

Asking God with Thanksgiving

1st Week November 2021 Bible Study Notes

Open Bible Study in prayer (led by the group leader or someone they choose).

It is so rewarding to study God's Word together and learn more about God's wonderful plan for all of His children.

- Each weekly *Voice of the Covenant Bible Study* is developed from the monthly letters that Jesse writes to ministry Partners throughout the world.
- They contain powerful truths from God's Word that will transform us from the inside out.

The Word of God is filled with examples to help us see our Heavenly Father as merciful, loving, and forgiving.

- It also reveals Him as generous and able to do anything we ask Him with faith from our heart.
- As we study, we can receive revelation and wisdom to understand His plan for our lives.

All this year, we've been talking about our theme, "*What shall I do for thee?*"

- This is our 11th Bible Study on that theme and every one of them has been so enjoyable!

*Instruct the group to turn to 2 Kings 4:2.

In our previous Bible Studies, we have read this question that was spoken by the prophet Elisha to a widow that came to him for help.

*Invite someone in the group to read 2 Kings 4:2 KJV:

"And Elisha said unto her, What shall I do for thee? tell me, what hast thou in the house? And she said, Thine handmaid hath not any thing in the house, save a pot of oil."

In this verse, Elisha was speaking to a woman who had lost everything to the debtors, including her sons, and she had nothing but a pot of oil in the house.

- This widow was broke, destitute, and didn't know what to do.
- But she knew that Elisha was a man of God, and she reached out to him in her time of desperation.

Elisha heard the widow's predicament and knew that he had to do *something* for her.

- But notice that Elisha did *not* take it upon himself to assume he knew what she wanted.
- No, he *asked* her what *she* wanted.
- The ball was in her court; not in Elisha's.

God also wants to do something for *you*, but you need to say what *you* want from Him.

- Your blessings are often tied to what *you* want and what you're willing to declare.

*Group Discussion: Is this study helping you to realize that God is waiting to hear you declare what you want from Him?

Let's quickly review what you've learned so far this year about our theme, "*What shall I do for thee?*"

- In January, you learned to "Ask, and Ask Big."
- In February, you saw that God wants you to "Be Persistent and Don't Give Up!"
- The March Bible Study taught you how to "Fix *Your* Thoughts on *Who* God is, on His *Will*, and on His *Power!*"
- In April, we studied how to "Be Bold! Ask Specifically and Only Believe!"
- Our May Bible Study taught us that "Christ Has Authority Over *Everything!*"
- In June, you learned about "The Miracle-Working Power of Faith."
- The Bible Study in July taught us about our "Freedom in Christ."
- Then in August, you learned "How to Increase Your Faith."

- Our Bible Study in September was “Understanding Your Right to Ask God for Help Anytime!”
- And last month, we studied about “The Double Portion.”

So, all year long, God has been showing us through His Word that He really is asking us, “*What shall I do for thee?*”

***Group Discussion: Has this theme changed the way that you approach God for the things that you need or want in life?**

This month, we will see another verse from God’s Word where we are instructed to see God as our Provider—the One Who wants us to ask Him for what we want.

***Instruct the group to turn to Philippians 4:6.**

In this month’s Bible Study, we will learn about “Asking God with Thanksgiving.”

- In the USA, November is the time that we have our Thanksgiving holidays.
- If you live in a country that doesn’t have a Thanksgiving holiday, you should make your own.

It’s a good idea to put a date on your calendar and set aside a special day just to celebrate God for all He’s done in your life.

- It’s especially important if you’re going through something tough.
- This isn’t about being thankful for problems.
- It’s about being thankful knowing that no matter what, God is with you and He is leading you.

With God, you are going to make it and have a great testimony on the other side of that challenge.

***Invite someone in the group to read our main scripture for this month in Philippians 4:6 KJV:**

“Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.”

Now if God had no intention of listening to us or answering our requests, this verse wouldn’t exist in His Word.

- It’s another “*What shall I do for thee?*” kind of scripture where we are given clear instruction.

You can notice three things from Philippians 4:6:

- 1) The words *every thing*
- 2) The words *prayer and supplication*
- 3) The words *with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.*

This verse lets us know right up front that worry isn’t good.

- It says, *but in every thing* we should pray, ask, and give thanks when we are making our requests known to God.

We go to God because He’s the Answer and the Source for our lives.

- We go to Him with thanksgiving because gratitude is part of the process of receiving.

Philippians 4:6 shows us how to get our needs, desires, and wants met the right way.

- And that is by making God a priority and seeing Him as our Provider.

Confess What God Shall Do for YOU!

1. My God wants me to say what I really desire from Him. I see God as my Provider—the One Who wants me to ask Him for what I want.
2. I am careful for nothing. In *every thing* by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving I let my requests be made known unto God.
3. God is the Answer and the Source for my life. I go to Him with thanksgiving. Gratitude is part of the process of receiving. It is the right way to meet my needs, desires, and wants.

Close in Prayer.

Asking God with Thanksgiving 2nd Week November 2021 Bible Study Notes

Open Bible Study in prayer (led by the group leader or someone they choose).

All this year we have been gaining a better understanding of our theme, “*What shall I do for thee?*”

- Each month we have been seeing different scenes from the Word to help us know more about the generous and loving God that we serve.

Today, we will continue with our Bible Study titled: “Asking God with Thanksgiving.”

*Instruct the group to turn to Philippians 4:6.

Last week we saw that God wants us to say what we really desire from Him.

- We learned to see God as our Provider—the One Who wants us to ask Him for what we want.
- We saw that we must be careful for nothing and in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving we let our requests be made known unto God.
- We also learned that God is the Answer and the Source for our life.
- We go to Him with thanksgiving because gratitude is part of the process of receiving, and it is the right way to meet our needs, desires, and wants.

Let’s read our foundation text in Philippians 4:6 again today.

*Invite someone in the group to read Philippians 4:6 KJV:

“Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.”

The first point of this month’s Bible Study is: You should not be reserved in your asking and you must not overlook the words “*in every thing.*”

- God is unlimited.
- Don’t be concerned about what you bring before Him.
- Nothing is too much for Him!

By saying “*in every thing,*” God is showing His mighty love for you.

- If God says “*every thing,*” then you should go to Him with great confidence.
- Don’t hold back!
- Just obey.

*Group Discussion: If you have placed limitations on your requests in the past, are you ready to begin going to Him “*in every thing*” with thanksgiving?

When you are careful for nothing, it liberates you to make your requests known unto God.

- He can handle your supplications.
- Your requests aren’t too much for Him.
- He is your Provider, your Answer, and your Source for every thing!
- You can have confidence in His unlimited love when you go to Him in prayer.

*Invite someone in the group to read Philippians 4:6 AMPC:

“Do not fret or have any anxiety about anything, but in every circumstance and in everything, by prayer and petition (definite requests), with thanksgiving, continue to make your wants known to God.”

Notice that we should not fret or have anxiety about anything!

- God wants us to go to Him by prayer in every circumstance, and in everything that we encounter in our day.
- So, ask God with thanksgiving for the definite petitions that are on your heart.
- Continue to make your wants known to God when you pray.

- Refuse to allow anxiety to put limitations on His power to answer your requests.

***Instruct the group to turn to Hebrews 4:16.**

This verse makes it clear that God has an open door policy for you and all of His children.

***Invite someone in the group to read Hebrews 4:16 KJV:**

“Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.”

- So, obey this verse and go boldly to the throne of His grace.
- It’s in His presence that you’ll obtain mercy and find grace.
- It’s in His presence you need to make your requests known.

Also, God wants you to show up to that throne with some thanksgiving in your heart!

***Invite someone in the group to read Hebrews 4:16 AMPC:**

“Let us then fearlessly and confidently and boldly draw near to the throne of grace (the throne of God’s unmerited favor to us sinners), that we may receive mercy [for our failures] and find grace to help in good time for every need [appropriate help and well-timed help, coming just when we need it].”

You can be fearless and confident when you go to God’s throne of grace.

- Grace is defined in this verse as God’s unmerited favor.
- His throne is where you will receive mercy for your failures.
- It is where you will find grace to help in good time for every need.

***Group Discussion: Doesn’t this encourage you to be fearless when you go to God with your requests?**

God wants you to receive appropriate and well-timed help that comes just when you need it.

- He loves you with an everlasting love.
- Really think about that for a minute!

You need to equate His provision with His love, because they are connected.

- God is a Giver and He wants to do so much for you.
- Have faith in Him and obey the principles of His Word.

Too many believers limit God by thinking small.

- Too many believers just refuse to ask because they think it’s too much—but *“in every thing”* means in EVERY THING!

If it’s on your mind and in your heart, then it’s worth bringing to the Lord in prayer.

- Don’t limit God or cut Him out when it comes to what you want.
- Just be obedient to Philippians 4:6!

Remember our theme and imagine that God is asking you every day, *“What shall I do for thee?”*

- He stands ready, open to hear you.
- Don’t complicate this!

Confess What God Shall Do for YOU!

1. I am not reserved in my asking and do not overlook the words *“in every thing.”* God is unlimited. I am not concerned about what I bring before Him.
2. My requests aren’t too much for God. I go boldly to the throne of His grace. In His presence I make my requests known with thanksgiving in my heart!

Close in Prayer.

Asking God with Thanksgiving

3rd Week November 2021 Bible Study Notes

Open Bible Study in prayer (led by the group leader or someone they choose).

This is the third week for our Bible Study this month, titled: “Asking God with Thanksgiving.”

- It is the eleventh in the series of teachings based on our theme for this year: *“What shall I do for thee?”*
- Each of these teachings are based on the monthly letters written to the Partners of Jesse Duplantis Ministries.
- They have all featured a different scene from the Bible to show us more truths about asking and receiving what we need and desire from God.

*Instruct the group to turn to Philippians 4:6.

In our Bible Study last week, we learned that that we should not be reserved in our asking and we must not overlook the words *“in every thing.”*

*Invite someone in the group to read Philippians 4:6 KJV:

“Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.”

When you come to God, you need to realize that He is unlimited.

- You don’t need to be concerned about what you bring before Him.
- Nothing is too much for Him!
- You can go boldly to the throne of God’s grace.
- You can make your requests known to Him with thanksgiving!

Don’t let people’s opinions stop you from asking God for what you truly want.

- You don’t need to be anxious for anything.
- Anxiety is for the lost and is a form of fear.
- But blessing is for you!

It takes faith to ask and faith to receive.

- This is why we must be *“careful for nothing”* when we approach God, the One Who can do *every thing!*

Now, point two of this month’s Bible Study is this: Come in prayer and supplication before your wonderful God!

- God wants you to come before Him childlike, not childish, reminding yourself that prayer is God’s language.

Do not mix care with your prayer.

- Philippians 4:6 begins with *“Be careful for nothing”* because before you ask God for something, you need to get rid of fear.

*Group Discussion: Did you know that fear cancels out faith and limits you from receiving?

If you want to receive anything from God, you can’t worry yourself into an answered prayer.

- So, when we go before God, we should go in *faith* and in *humbleness* knowing that He can take care of *any thing* and *every thing*.

It’s humble to lean upon the Lord and let go of worry.

- It’s prideful to put yourself at the center of your own faith and keep on worrying while you pray.
- To do that means you don’t trust God enough to have faith that He is going to help you, intervene for you, or provide the answer for you.

- That sounds strong, but mixing care with your prayer is in direct disobedience to the instruction, “*Be careful for nothing.*”

***Instruct the group to turn to 1 Peter 5:7.**

What do you do with care?

- You throw it onto the Lord.

***Invite someone in the group to read 1 Peter 5:7 KJV:**

“Casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you.”

Notice it doesn’t say you rehearse your cares with the Lord.

- It doesn’t say to set them down and pick them up again when you’re finished praying.

“Casting all your care upon Him” is throwing your cares to the only One Who can handle them.

***Invite someone in the group to read 1 Peter 5:7 AMPC:**

“Casting the whole of your care [all your anxieties, all your worries, all your concern, once and for all] on Him, for He cares for you affectionately and cares about you watchfully.”

***Group Discussion: Can you see that you aren’t meant to live in constant worry?**

Start seeing worry as the form of fear that it is.

- Remind yourself about the last part of that verse—“*He careth for you.*”

Remind yourself of just Who you serve.

- God created *every thing* and He can handle *any thing*.
- He’s your Provider and your Healer.
- He’s the One Who saves and delivers you.
- He’s the Sanctifier and the Purifier.
- He is the One Who sets you apart for greatness in Him.
- He’s your Peace and your Shepherd.
- He is your ever-present Help.

All that, and He is telling you in His Word to bring *every thing* to Him in prayer with thanksgiving.

- Why thanksgiving?
- Because you’ve got a lot to be thankful for!

Go to God with your heart and your arms wide open and He will receive you.

- Yes, you must respect and honor God.
- His Word reveals that if we honor Him, He will honor us (1 Samuel 2:30).

Boldly going to God in prayer is a form of respect and honor because that’s what His Word says to do!

- But, no matter how you approach God, He will see your heart.

Only *prayer* can do for you what *care* cannot do.

Confess What God Shall Do for YOU!

1. I don’t let people’s opinions stop me from asking God for what I truly want. I don’t need to be anxious for anything. I am “*careful for nothing*” when I approach God, the One Who can do *every thing*!
2. I come in prayer and supplication before my wonderful God! I come childlike, not childish, before Him reminding myself that prayer is God’s language. I do not mix care with my prayer.
3. I cast all my cares upon the Lord because He is the only One who can handle them. He cares for me, and I bring *every thing* to Him in prayer with thanksgiving.

Close in Prayer.

Asking God with Thanksgiving 4th Week November 2021 Bible Study Notes

Open Bible Study in prayer (led by the group leader or someone they choose).

All this year we have been developing our faith concerning asking and receiving from God.

- We have looked at different scenes from the Word of God to better understand our theme, “*What shall I do for thee?*”

*Instruct the group to turn to 2 Kings 4:2.

In our previous Bible Studies, we learned that this question was spoken by the prophet Elisha to a widow that was broke and didn’t know how to pay her debt.

*Invite someone in the group to read 2 Kings 4:2 KJV:

“And Elisha said unto her, What shall I do for thee? tell me, what hast thou in the house? And she said, Thine handmaid hath not any thing in the house, save a pot of oil.”

Notice that Elisha expected her to say what she wanted, and he did not give her any limitations.

- God also expects you to say what you want, and He doesn’t give you any limitations.

*Instruct the group to turn to Philippians 4:6.

This week we will conclude our Bible Study for this month titled: “Asking with Thanksgiving.”

- Let’s look one last time at our foundation verse where we are instructed to see God as our Provider—the One Who wants us to ask Him for what we want.

*Invite someone in the group to read Philippians 4:6 KJV:

“Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.”

In the first point in this month’s study, you learned that you should not be reserved in your asking and you must not overlook the words “*in every thing.*”

- The second point taught you to come in prayer and supplication before your wonderful God!

Now, the last point of our Bible Study is: When you sincerely say “thank you” to God in prayer, your faith in Him will put a stop to thoughts of unpleasant and disturbing possibilities.

- The Word says “*with thanksgiving*” because He wants to give you what you are asking for.

Your thankfulness shows you believe He’s going to do it, and that brings peace to your mind.

- The peace of God will stand like a military sentry over your heart guarding you from fear.
- Now, that is divine security!

The security of God’s peace is superior to the unpleasantries of the world’s fear.

- God is above everything and everyone, and He makes His superior peace available and obtainable for all.

Saying “thank you” and meaning it from the heart makes people smile, and God likes it too!

*Group Discussion: Don’t you think it’s safe to say that when you use those words, you’ll get a good reaction?

There’s just something wonderful about gratitude and giving thanks.

*Instruct the group to turn to Matthew 11:28.

Do you know what else is wonderful? Rest!

*Invite someone in the group to read the Words of Jesus in Matthew 11:28 KJV:

“Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”

Notice that you bring care, cast it on Jesus, and He gives you peace and rest. That is wonderful!

- You might ask, “But how do you know that God is going to answer your request?”
- Well, the Word of God has a divine element of duty in it.

Every Word contains the energy and anointing of God—and His Word will remain forever.

- So, if we base our prayers on the Word, we will receive our requests.
- Jesus paid the price so we could approach God without fear.

The Word shows us over and over that God is saying, “*What shall I do for thee?*”

***Instruct the group to turn to Psalm 89:34.**

All we have to do is believe and obey, and He will honor His promises to us.

***Invite someone in the group to read Psalm 89:34 KJV:**

“My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of My lips.”

So, how do we know He’ll answer?

- Because He said He would!
- He tells us to ask. He tells us to believe.
- His Word is full of verses that tell us He will answer, provide, and bless us if we have the guts enough to believe.

Whether it’s spiritual, physical, or financial, *in every thing* we are to go to Him with a heart of thanks.

- We do it because we know that Jesus paid the price so that we could.
- Now we can go to God like little children.
- We can boldly rush in with open arms, speaking freely with God and telling Him what we need and desire.

We can give thanks ahead of time because we know He is listening and our faith is working!

- Jesus is the reason we can do all that.
- That’s the Gospel and it’s good!
- The Gospel breathes life into us every day.
- It gives us the peace of God that passes all understanding.

Our communion with God brings light to everything in our life.

- That’s why we should *“Be careful for nothing.”*
- That’s why we should take no thought to any particular situation.
- We should just go to God about it!

God’s Word is true and He’s faithful.

- He loves us, and like the good Father He is, He is asking, *“What shall I do for thee?”*

***Group Discussion: So, what are you going to talk to God about today?**

What will you ask?

- Will you leave your worry on Him and go with open arms?
- Will you have faith?
- Will you express true thanks like you “know that you know” it’s coming to pass?

Remember, nothing is too big for God, and that means nothing is out of reach for you!

Confess What God Shall Do for YOU!

1. I sincerely say “thank you” to God in prayer. My faith in Him puts a stop to thoughts of unpleasant and disturbing possibilities. My thankfulness brings peace to my mind.
2. Every Word contains the energy and anointing of God—and His Word will remain forever. I approach God without fear, and I answer when He says, *“What shall I do for thee?”*

Close in Prayer.