



## Right Here Right Now God's Kingdom Come



Last week we saw how Jesus plus one of us can make beautiful things happen. It's amazing math:

JESUS + me = Awesome things

It's when we listen to Him or let His Holy Spirit nudge us and then watch what can happen. We learned that it isn't always right away - our gardens took a little while to grow - but it happens.

This week we're going to look at another way that even a little bit of Jesus acting in our lives can make a huge difference. The Kingdom of heaven is when heaven is King. Remember in the Lord's prayer? Let's say the beginning of it together: Our Father who is in heaven, make Your name holy. Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Now read a story that Jesus told.

Jesus also used this illustration: "The Kingdom of Heaven is like the yeast a woman used in making bread. Even though she put only a little yeast in three measures of flour, it permeated every part of the dough." Matthew 13:33

Let's look at parts of the Lord's prayer and this story closely for a minute.

1. Who is in heaven?
2. We're asking \_\_\_\_\_ to be king on earth.

Then examine the story Jesus told:

3. What was Jesus comparing the Kingdom of Heaven to?
4. What is yeast used for in this story?
5. Why do you think Jesus chose yeast to talk about God's Kingdom?
6. How much yeast is needed to permeate (saturate, penetrate, fill) the dough?
7. Do you know what yeast does when it is in dough? If you do, what?
8. In the Lord's prayer, Jesus mentions Father God's Kingdom coming and links it to something else. What is it?

Now let's look at what yeast is all about in our lives. It's the answer to number 8 in the questions above - Father God's kingdom is linked to His will being done. Hmm... If Jesus taught us to pray this, did He want us to participate in bringing God's Kingdom, His rule and His will on earth? That brings us back to our theme, "Right Here, Right Now." If we decide to partner with Jesus, then we need to know God's will.

Here are some clues in scripture. In Matthew 7 Jesus said:

<sup>12</sup> "Do to others whatever you would like them to do to you. This is the essence of all that is taught in the law and the prophets.

Jesus also said it this way in Matthew 22:

<sup>36</sup> "Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?"

<sup>37</sup> Jesus replied, "'You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.'<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>38</sup> This is the first and greatest commandment. <sup>39</sup> A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>40</sup> The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments."

But remember when the Pharisees asked Jesus who their neighbor is? He answered with this story recorded by Luke in Luke:10:

<sup>25</sup> One day an expert in religious law stood up to test Jesus by asking him this question: "Teacher, what should I do to inherit eternal life?"

<sup>26</sup> Jesus replied, "What does the law of Moses say? How do you read it?"

<sup>27</sup> The man answered, "'You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind.' And, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>28</sup> "Right!" Jesus told him. "Do this and you will live!"

<sup>29</sup> The man wanted to justify his actions, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

Parable of the Good Samaritan

<sup>30</sup> Jesus replied with a story: "A Jewish man was traveling from Jerusalem down to Jericho, and he was attacked by bandits. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him up, and left him half dead beside the road.

<sup>31</sup> "By chance a priest came along. But when he saw the man lying there, he crossed to the other side of the road and passed him by. <sup>32</sup> A Temple assistant<sup>[b]</sup> walked over and looked at him lying there, but he also passed by on the other side.

<sup>33</sup> "Then a despised Samaritan came along, and when he saw the man, he felt compassion for him. <sup>34</sup> Going over to him, the Samaritan soothed his wounds with olive

oil and wine and bandaged them. Then he put the man on his own donkey and took him to an inn, where he took care of him. <sup>35</sup> The next day he handed the innkeeper two silver coins,<sup>[c]</sup> telling him, 'Take care of this man. If his bill runs higher than this, I'll pay you the next time I'm here.'

<sup>36</sup> "Now which of these three would you say was a neighbor to the man who was attacked by bandits?" Jesus asked.

<sup>37</sup> The man replied, "The one who showed him mercy."

Then Jesus said, "Yes, now go and do the same."

- a. Who saw the hurt and robbed man as his neighbor?
- b. Jesus points out something about the man who cared for his "neighbor". He said he showed him \_\_\_\_\_.
- c. Mercy can mean generosity, goodwill, sympathy, kindness – particularly when a person needs it. When is it easy to be this way?
- d. When is it hard to be this way?
- e. Who can help us show mercy, even when we don't feel like it?
- f. Why can He help us?
- g. Have you tried asking for that help?

Activities:

For those with printer - coloring pages, acrostic (do with your mom or dad!)

# Bread Making

This is a very easy recipe and it always seems to work, too! You do need parchment paper (which I can get to you) and a “dutch oven” – which is a large, moderately heavy cooking pot with a lid that can go in the oven. It takes about 2 hours from start to finish.

## Ingredients:

2 ¼ teaspoons active dry yeast    1 teaspoon sugar or honey

1 ¼ cups warm (not hot!) water    3 cups all purpose flour

- Combine yeast, sugar/honey and warm water in large mixing bowl or bowl of a stand mixer that has a dough hook
- Let yeast sit for 5 minutes, until mixture is foamy
- Add salt and flour to bowl. Mix with your hands or a sturdy spatula or mix on low with your stand mixer and dough hook until all flour is mixed in and dough has just started to pull away from the sides of the bowl. (you can add up to ½ cup more flour so it does this)
- Lightly flour all sides of your dough but DON'T mix it in. Turn it over inside the mixing bowl so it's coated with flour on all sides. Cover with a clean tea towel and let rise on the counter for about 1 hour, until dough has doubled in size.

## Shape dough and final rise:

- When dough has risen, lightly flour a large cutting board. Tip dough out of bowl onto cutting board. Don't punch the dough. If it sticks to bowl, wet your hand with cold water and gently separate dough from bowl.
- Sprinkle a little flour across top of dough, then shape it into a round loaf by pulling each corner of the dough in towards the center (as if folding an envelope). Repeat until dough starts to resist your folds. Flip dough over and gently tap into a round shape if needed.

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- Flour a medium bowl and place your loaf in seam-side down. Cover with tea towel. Let rise 30 minutes WHILE YOU PREHEAT the oven
- Place your empty dutch oven with the lid on in your oven. Turn the heat on in the oven to 450 degrees.

## Bake the empty dutch oven!

- When oven reaches 450, remove dutch oven and (carefully with mitts!) remove lid.

- Tip your bread gently onto parchment paper, seam side up. Then lift parchment up and place it into the hot Dutch oven. PUT MITTS ON. Replace lid on dutch oven, put it in the oven for 30 minutes.
- Remove lid. Cook bread uncovered for 10-15 min. more until crust is lightly browned.
- Remove dutch oven from the oven. Lift bread out and onto rack. Cool for 30 minutes.

**Key:** 1. Our Father 2. Father God 3. Yeast 4. To make bread 5. A little bit of God's ruling does a whole lot on earth 6. A little bit 7. It makes it rise 8. Father God's will is done on earth

a. The man from Samaria b. mercy c. your opinion d. your opinion e. Jesus f. because we follow Him and because He always shows mercy g. your opinion

If you prefer to make the pancake recipe again or if you didn't make it yet, here it is: [Pancake Recipe](#) (makes enough for 2 people. You may want to double or triple it!)

Ingredients:

1 cup flour	1 cup milk (non dairy works!)
1 tablespoon baking powder	1 tablespoon apple cider vinegar
½ teaspoon salt	1 teaspoon vanilla
2 Tablespoons sugar (optional)	

Directions:

1. In a medium bowl, add the flour, sugar, baking powder, and salt, and stir to combine.
2. In a medium bowl, add milk or non-dairy milk, apple cider vinegar, and vanilla, and stir.
3. Pour the liquid mixture into the dry mixture and whisk until smooth.
4. Let batter rest for 5 minutes. (Take a look - THIS IS WHERE THE SOMETHING SPECIAL HAPPENS – like when we receive something from Jesus)
5. Pour about ½ cup (65 grams) of batter onto a nonstick pan or griddle over medium heat.
6. When the top begins to bubble, flip the pancake and cook until golden.