NOTES: Let Us Pray -"Forgive Me" Matthew 6:9-13

Recap:

- We pray to deepen our ***relationship*** with our Father.
- In prayer we address Him as ***Father*** because of our relationship with Him ... we are HIs children.
- We come to Him not as a peer but as God and therefore endeavor to keep His name ***Holy***.
- As we pray we surrender our ***kingdom*** to His.
- God, as our Father, wants us to ***ask*** Him to provide for all of us what we need. So we ***ask***.

May your Kingdom come soon.
May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us today the food we need,
and forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us.
And don't let us yield to temptation, but rescue us from the evil one.
(Matthew 6:9-13 NLT-SE)

• You and I are each products of "***reality*** shifts" in our life.

ONE**SENTENCE**VERSION:

Praying as Jesus teaches us to pray causes ***three*** reality shifts.

1. From *capitivity* to *freedom*.

A. There are ***two*** records of this ***teaching*** on prayer. (Matt. 6:12 & Lk. 11:4)

1) *debts*

2) *sins*

B. Jesus is teaching us to pray a prayer that gets to the root of captivity and freedom - the ***sin*** condition.

C. Praying in this way will not allow us to settle for the ***counterfeit*** freedom that we receive when we get ***freedom***. (John 8:36)

2. From *capitalism* to *grace*.

A. Forgive literally means leave ***be***, leave ***alone***, leave ***behind*** and let ***go***.

B. The new kingdom is not only ***free*** but fueled by ***scandalous*** grace. (Luke 15:11-24)

C. Interestingly this follows asking for ***daily bread*** - how much more should we ask for ***forgiveness***.

3. From *reservoirs* to *rivers*.

A. Jesus will not allow us to think in terms of ***ourselves***.

B. "As we forgive..." sets the kingdom in ***motion***.

C. We cannot hold grace like a ***reservoir*** but instead we are ***river*** of grace.

SO**WHAT**?**: Do you mean it when you pray "forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us?"**

1. ***Seek*** forgiveness.

2. ***Give*** forgiveness.