

# ***THE BIG PICTURE***



***Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.***

*Psalm 37:4*

Many of us are so busy trying to persuade God to give us "the desires of our hearts," that we've lost our ability to "delight in him."

Get hold of the big picture (delight yourself in the Lord), and the little picture (and he shall give you the desires of your heart) will take care of itself.

## **The Big Picture:**

Our Father who art in heaven.

Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come.

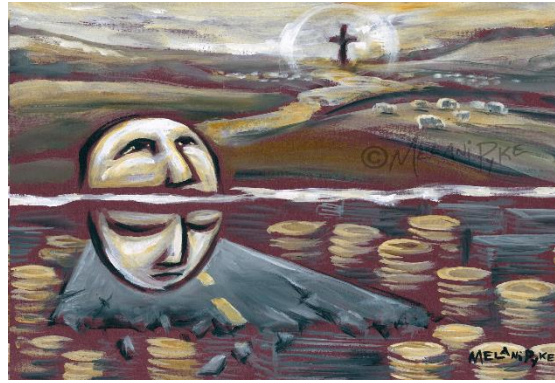


## **The Little Picture:**

Give us this day our daily bread.

### The Little Picture:

- What shall we eat?
- What shall we drink?
- What shall we wear?
- How will I pay the bills?
- How am I doing?



### The Big Picture:

- Seek first God's kingdom and his righteousness.
- Stop taking your spiritual pulse.
- Lift your eyes beyond your own spiritual victories and defeats.

**Look to the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world...**

.... and he will bring you into the Big Picture.

***When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand upon me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one; I died, and behold I am alive for evermore."***

*Revelation 1:17-18*



*Prayer: Oh Lord, help us turn our hearts away from the little picture, our focus on our needs, our desires and things we need and want. . Oh Lord, bring us to see the big picture. Help us to get to the point that the greatest desire in our lives is to delight in you. That beholding your glory, your goodness, your mercy, your beauty, your creation is our desire, our thirst, our delight. That standing in awe of you, hallowing you, honoring you, revering you is the breath we breathe. That choosing righteousness, following your way, listening to your direction, seeking you in every aspect of our lives is our act of worship for all you are. Thank you, thank you for being so worthy. Amen.*

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