



WHAT'S YOUR NEED

MATTHEW 20:29-34

The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps.

And as they went out of Jericho, a great crowd followed him. ³⁰ And behold, there were two blind men sitting by the roadside, and when they heard that Jesus was passing by, they cried out, "Lord, have mercy on us, Son of David!"

³¹ The crowd rebuked them, telling them to be silent, but they cried out all the more, "Lord, have mercy on us, Son of David!"

³² And stopping, Jesus called them and said, "What do you want me to do for you?" ³³ They said to him, "Lord, let our eyes be opened." ³⁴ And Jesus in pity touched their eyes, and immediately they recovered their sight and followed him.

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- A. Physical Needs - The blind men needed food and money to survive - **provision**
- B. Spiritual Need - The crowd seeking the **grace** of God in their lives
- C. Heartfelt Needs - The blind men wanted to be **healed**

In Jeremiah chapter 17:13 - Jeremiah proclaim that God is the only hope for his people - they were suffering from Spiritual blindness in the shadow of a beautiful refurbished temple.

O Lord, the hope of Israel, all who forsake you shall be put to shame; those who turn away from you shall be written in the earth, for they have forsaken the Lord, the fountain of living water. Jeremiah 17:13

Five Heartfelt Needs (Jeremiah 17:13-18)

- 1) Heartfelt Need #1: Passion for Praise - driven by what God has done for us - **SALVATION** (14)
- 2) Heartfelt Need #2: Passion in the Journey - Desire to Follow God no matter what (16a)
- 3) Heartfelt Need #3: Purpose in Prayer - Open to God's Constructive Critique (16b)
- 4) Heartfelt Need #4: Peace - Don't Frighten Me - be my refuge (17)
- 5) Heartfelt Need #5: Protection - Two Requests by Jeremiah(18)

Paul's words in Philippians 4 reflect the heart of God and his commitment to provide for our needs: :

And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4:19

John Piper: If we live by faith in this promise of future grace, it will be very hard for anxiety to survive. God's "riches in glory" are inexhaustible. He really means for us not to worry about our future. We should follow this pattern that Paul lays out for us. We should battle the unbelief of anxiety with the promises of future grace.