



Prayer and Wishes Chapter 5 (Wishes)

Questions for discussion

1. What is a wish to you?

Is a wish just a common word? We say it all the time. Do you take the time to wish? Is wishing just fairy tales?

“Some people seriously need a wish to come true. Times can be tough. There looks like no way through life sometimes. Wishing for help on a rock cliff makes sense. Yet, on Facebook, a wish might look like white noise. We see it so much as we scan or scroll past honest pleas for help. I think wishing has become a common word. Just white noise in the back ground. The magical aura of a wish is not what it was. I don’t think we associate a wish with prince charming half as much as winning the lottery.” Chapter 5, p, 2

2. Is a wish in a special moment?

Certainly, we don’t see falling stars that often. How many wishing wells have you seen? In the movies, a wish is portrayed as magical. It’s an *in the moment* thing.

“I think I got it all wrong. A wish is not to a spirit or all-powerful God. Our heart desires love. We need food to eat. Most of us would love to turn back time. Most of us would wish to live life on a tropical beach. I think a wish might be an outpouring of a dream. Maybe that’s why we don’t usually travel to a well. It’s why we don’t sit out all night waiting for a shooting star. In movies, we see characters encountering a magical well. They are stunned by a celestial event. In those moments it seems special. It seems mystical. Why not wish? A wish usually happens in spiritual moments. It’s not like at lunch time we suddenly think, gee, maybe it’s a good time to wish. A wish is usually in a magical moment or in a special place.” Chapter 5, p, 5

3. Do we wish to find answers?

We could desire a spouse. It’s been so long, how do we find one? Wish? Pray? Some answers are missing. We wish for money, a good life, or answers. What do you wish for?

“Are we using wishes to find answers? I have said that sometimes there are no answers. Maybe an answer is there but it’s just not visible or viable at this time. Maybe a flat earth had to come first. Maybe we saw a globe more clearly once flat seemed odd. We see a ball and we see round spheres in space. Maybe the earth is like that too. Maybe a wish is like a miracle. We love it when it happens. We yearn for the miracles. We wish and hope but the miracles are far and few between. How do we content with the seemingly impossible? Maybe we wish to unhide answers or solve the impossible?” Chapter 5, p, 7

4. Do we wish for the impossible?

It’s true. We wish for the girl we can’t have. We wish for a million dollars. How about flying or to be a fly on the wall of a special event in time. We wish for crazy things.

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“The explanation of a wish stuns me. I never looked at it that way. Sure, the first part makes sense. We wish because whatever it is we want, it’s not easily attainable. If it was easy then why wish? Just do it as Nike says. It’s what Bach and Robbins said too. Why drive to a well? Why bother wishing on a star. Just do it. yet, the things we ask for are not easy. In-fact they may be downright impossible.” Chapter 5, p, 8

5. Should we use things to be lucky?

Do we look for lucky places to wish? The Blarney stone in Scotland has a history of bringing lucky to those who kiss it. A lucky coin? What brings you luck?

“What is your limit? I have seen lucky rabbits foot for sale. Would you buy one? Dark movies show people saved by their cross. A cross may have helped people in movies, but in real life people die on crosses. So, we pray too and own a good luck cross? Should you buy one just in case it’s lucky? People wear lucky colors. I know people who cross themselves after a prayer. Should we do something similar with a wish? Wish me luck?” Chapter 5, p, 11

6. Put a wish to work.

It’s my belief a wish is pointed in a positive direction. It comes from the heart. Those who commit suicide wish for better. Yet, it wasn’t enough. Maybe putting life into action helps a wish come true. A positive outlook makes a positive path.

“We wish. We hope. We dream. These are good things. They keep us moving forward. People regret, have remorse, and starve themselves on depression. We believe in depression. We also believe in wishes. Maybe working on another’s wish could add relief to their and our depression. Maybe that’s why we are so happy when wishes come true. I wonder if it’s not all about equivalency exchange. We give with our hearts and our heart is given too. We help make a wish comes true and amazingly our wishes are granted. Robert Bach said at the beginning of this chapter that you may have to work for it, however. Maybe I wish we all could see that.” Chapter 5, p, 14