

When you were a child did you say to Santa Claus, “for Christmas I want a bicycle and a dog and a pair of skates, etc., etc.,? Now that you are an adult do you approach God in much the same way? Please Dear God get me this job, please get my son into this college, please Dear God heal my illness.

But is that the way it works? Jesus’ parable in today’s Gospel gives us another slant. He’s talking about persevering in prayer, He’s talking about trust, staying with it. If you don’t get what you want don’t quit.

God hears you. But if you don’t get what you ask for, what’s going on? Remember this, God has a plan for you. How does it work?

I know a Sister of Mercy who has had cancer for more than 5 years. She has been asking God for healing these many years. She has been receiving chemotherapy all these years. Her cancer persists but so does her prayer. What’s going on? Well remember, God is talking about staying with it; He’s talking about trust.

Even though we don’t know God’s plan for us, His plan for us is the most loving thing.

Dom Pierre de Caussade, a medieval mystic who opened his life up to a deep loving relationship with God, expresses his experience with God this way. “Whatever God allows for us to experience at every moment is the best and holiest thing that could happen at every moment.”

For us to believe this requires a deep level of trust in God.

Where do we find this trust? Where do we get it? It is a pure gift from God and it is given to each of us! Our task is to believe in this gift and to receive it.

Remember, “Whatever God allows for us to experience at every moment is the best and holiest thing that could happen day by day at every moment.”