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MATTHEW 6:25-34

# The Good News Of The Kingdom!



- Matt.4:23 – Jesus went throughout Galilee proclaiming the Good News Of The Kingdom
- That Kingdom is among us as we choose to let Jesus' transforming power change us into the character and love of Jesus by submitting our lives to him to live His life through us. Gal.2:20 Partnership
- The Beatitudes (5:2-11) are the progression that happens in and to us as He transforms us
- 5:13-20 shows how we will make a difference because of the new nature we have become
- 5:20 – It is not about religious activity; it is about transformed character that comes through the partnership with Jesus (Gal.2:20) Bonhoeffer on relationships

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- 21-48 The transformed heart of love no longer looks at people in Anger or Lust. When you take those out of your life you've dealt a severe blow to Divorce. We (Jesus and you) speak truth in love and hold our life and possessions loosely. We "*agapeo*" our neighbours and our enemies, Jesus treating them with God's love.
- 6:1-18 Our religious practice is not to impress others, therefore, the most of significant disciplines in our relationship with God are done in secret.
- 6:19-24 Our purpose and focus in life is to know God and make Him known. Our Treasure in heaven is not from what we do in this life, It is what I love there and what I place my security and happiness in, is there. It is that I love God and all that He is.

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- THEREFORE, In light of everything we have just looked at ...  
DON'T WORRY!! 6:25
- Jesus then makes to comparative statements, moving from the lesser to the greater.
- If God cares about the birds and feeds them, aren't you worth much more than they?
- If God dresses the temporary grasses and flowers so beautifully, aren't you worth much more than they?
- 31 – Therefore – in light of God's love and promises, trust

# Rest In The Father



- If my goal and purpose in life is money, popularity or stuff, that is laying up treasures here on earth. All of the above can be taken away in a moment. And we know that, so we have reason to and will worry.
- If our Goal is to be like Jesus and daily live life with Jesus and Jesus living his life through me, only the decisions I make can change that.
- This is the ABIDING in Christ. Being filled with the Spirit, being filled with the Fullness of God.
- Jn.17:21-26 "that they may all be one, **just as** you, Father, are in me, and I in you, **that they also may be in us**, 22that they may be one **even as** we are one, 23 **I in them and you in me**, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you loved them **even as** you loved me. 26 I made known to them your name, that **the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.**"

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- John 15:4-11 - Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine,\* neither can you, unless **you abide in me**. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever **abides in me and I in him**, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. **If you abide in me**, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. **As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love**. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, **that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full**.

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- Eph.3:16-19 – I pray that he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, may have strength to comprehend the love of Christ, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.
- Eph.2:22 - In him you are being built into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.
- Col.2:6-10 **Alive in Christ** - Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him, For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have been filled in him.

# Surrender To The Father



- Lord's prayer- give us today, what we need for today – 11cf 34
- Keep and protect us from the attacks of the evil one -13cf 34
- First priority is to Seek the kingdom – 33 – Matt.8:20
- Blackaby – 5 and 10 yr goals
- The issue is always one of surrender. Willingness to follow.
- When we “ABIDE”, it is the responsibility of the vine to supply what we need. When we are “In Christ and Christ in Us” The Father cares of us, JUST AS, He did for Jesus. Matt.8:20
- Are you overwhelmed by worry? Have you surrendered?