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First Things First

Matthew 6:25-34

Series: Joining Jesus on His Mission

Central Passage

Matthew 6:33 (ESV) — **33** *But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.*

Central Thought: Joining Jesus on his mission requires a shift in our priorities from a me-centered, earthly perspective, to a Christ-centered, kingdom of God perspective.

- ❖ Jesus calls us to turn away from me-centered materialism and follow him.

Matthew 6:25 (ESV) — **25** *“Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. **Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?**”*

- ❖ Jesus affirms our eternal value in the Father.

Matthew 6:26 (ESV) — **26** *Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. **Are you not of more value than they?***

Matthew 6:28–30 (ESV) — **28** *And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, **29** yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. **30** **But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?***

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- ❖ Jesus emphasizes the futility and faithlessness of worry.

Matthew 6:27 (ESV) — **27** *And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life?*

Matthew 6:31–32 (ESV) — **31** *Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ **32** **For the Gentiles [godless] seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all.***

- ❖ Jesus calls us to the priority and the promise of the Kingdom.

Matthew 6:33 (ESV) — **33** *But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.*

Matthew 5:6 (ESV) — **6** *“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, **for they shall be satisfied.**”*

Seeking God's Kingdom and Righteousness is...

- ❖ Following the teachings of Jesus and carrying on the ministry of Jesus.

Luke 4:16–21 (ESV) — **16** *And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. **17** And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, **18** **“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, **19** to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” **20** And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. **21** And he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”***

James 1:27 (ESV) — **27** *Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.*

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