Sermon Notes - 03.19.2023 Put God First and Do Not Worry About Tomorrow

Matthew 6:33-34 "**But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. 34** "**So do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.**

Matthew 3:1 Now in those days **John the Baptist** *came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, saying, 2 "**Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."**

Matthew 4:12-17 Now **when Jesus heard that John had been taken into custody**, He withdrew into Galilee; 13 and leaving Nazareth, He came and settled in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali. 14 *This was* to fulfill what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet: 15 "THE LAND OF ZEBULUN AND THE LAND OF NAPHTALI, BY THE WAY OF THE SEA, BEYOND THE JORDAN, GALILEE OF THE GENTILES— 16 "THE PEOPLE WHO WERE SITTING IN DARKNESS SAW A GREAT LIGHT, AND THOSE WHO WERE SITTING IN THE LAND AND SHADOW OF DEATH, UPON THEM A LIGHT DAWNED." 17 From that time Jesus began to preach and say**, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."**

Matthew 6:9-15 "Pray, then, in this way: 'Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. 10 **'Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven**. 11 'Give us this day our daily bread. 12 'And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. 13 'And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil. [For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.]' 14 "For if you forgive others for their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. 15 "But if you do not forgive others, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions.

But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness

- **We Are Citizens of the Kingdom of God – Simply: We Seek His Kingdom by Keeping His Word**
- **Live by the Principles Christ taught Us – We Keep Our Eyes on Him – We Love to Do His Will**

"So do not worry about tomorrow; …

This ties in with Greg's message last week – The most powerful things that are going to happen, the truly life changing things are the things God has done and is going to do when we stand in faith and wait for Him.

Tomorrow is coming our way one nano-second at a time. We live in a small moment of time.

We don't hold our tomorrows – God does!

Trust – The Opposite of Worry / Leaning on your own understanding = The Path that Leads to Worry

Proverbs 3:5-6 **Trust in the LORD with all your heart** And **do not lean on your own understanding**. 6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And **He will make your paths straight**.

God is at Work in Us – Completing the Work He Began when we were Saved

Philippians 1:6 *For I am* confident of this very thing, that **He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.**

God Said this to His 'Beloved' Israel – You are His Beloved Too

Jeremiah 29:11 **'For I know the plans that I have for you,' declares the LORD, 'plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope.**

Jesus is the Beloved Son of God

Matthew 3:16-17 After being baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove *and* lighting on Him, 17 and behold, a voice out of the heavens said, **"This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased."**

Jesus Said, The Father Will Love You

Joh 14:21 "**He who has My commandments and keeps them** is the one who loves Me; and **he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will disclose Myself to him.**"

We Are Beloved and Accepted "In Christ"

Ephesians 1:5-6 **He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself**, according to the kind intention of His will, 6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, which **He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.**

Regarding Our Salvation – Jesus is Interceding for Us

Hebrews 7:25 Therefore He is able also to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since **He always lives to make intercession for them**.

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