

THE WORD FOR LIFE – SERMON NOTES

The Sermon on the Mount – Disciple UP!

Introduction: What's It All About?

By Louie Marsh, 4-25-2010

Now when he saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them, saying:
Matthew 5:1-2 (NIV)

1) Why preach on the Sermon on the Mount?

- The sorry state of modern _____
- I need to _____ the usual approach.
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3) Christ is calling me to _____

"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.
Matthew 7:21 (NIV)

2) What's It All About:

Here's what my class in Myanmar picked for the Key Verse:

Matthew 5:17 (NIV) (2) Matthew 5:44 (NIV) Matthew 6:33 (NIV) (3) .
Matthew 7:12 (NIV) (2) . Matthew 7:21 (NIV) (2)

3) The Key Verse:

Do not be like them... Matthew 6:8a (NIV)

- ❖ God has always called His people to _____

*The LORD said to Moses, "Speak to the Israelites and say to them: 'I am the LORD your God. You must not do as they do in Egypt, where you used to live, and **you must not do as they do** in the land of Canaan,*

*where I am bringing you. **Do not follow their practices.*** Leviticus 18:1-3 (NIV)

- ❖ His people have always _____

*So all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah. They said to him, "You are old, and your sons do not walk in your ways; now appoint a king to lead us, such as all the other nations have." But when they said, "Give us a king to lead us," this displeased Samuel; so he prayed to the LORD. And the LORD told him: "Listen to all that the people are saying to you; it is not you they have rejected, but **they have rejected me** as their king." 1 Samuel 8:4-7 (NIV)*

- ❖ Believers have often _____ of this!

... They worshiped other gods and followed the practices of the nations the LORD had driven out before them, as well as the practices that the kings of Israel had introduced. 2 Kings 17:7-8 (NIV)

- ❖ The point is to be _____

It's time to _____

4) To get the most out of the Sermon on the Mount I need to be willing to:

- ✓ _____ the very basis of my faith.
- ✓ Let Jesus _____ He's in & let Him run my life.
- ✓ _____ – from the culture & cultural religion.
- ✓ _____ it takes to discern between Biblical & cultural faith.

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Laying the Right Foundation (Matt. 5: 3-6)
By Louie Marsh, 5-2-2010

1) I'm "blessed!" - _____

Blessed are...

2) Poor in Spirit = _____

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 5:3 (NIV)

"You're blessed when you're at the end of your rope. With less of you there is more of God and his rule. Matthew 5:3 (MSG)

"God blesses those who are poor and realize their need for him, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs. Matthew 5:3 (NLT)

"Blessed are those who recognize they are spiritually helpless. The kingdom of heaven belongs to them. Matthew 5:3 (GW)

*"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; **apart from me you can do nothing**. John 15:5 (NIV)*

*For I know that **nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh**. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. Romans 7:18 (ESV)*

*Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners--of whom **I am the worst**. 1 Timothy 1:15 (NIV)*

3) I need to _____ my weakness to be comforted.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Matthew 5:4 (NIV)

4) Jesus wants me to be _____

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Matthew 5:5 (NIV)

*Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am **gentle** and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Matthew 11:29 (NIV)*

5) My desire for God should be _____

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Matthew 5:6 (NIV)

"You're blessed when you've worked up a good appetite for God. He's food and drink in the best meal you'll ever eat. Matthew 5:6 (MSG)

My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God. Psalms 84:2 (NIV)

*It is because of him that you are in Christ **Jesus, who has become for us** wisdom from God--that is, **our righteousness, holiness and redemption**. 1 Corinthians 1:30 (NIV)*

- **The Three Aspects of Righteousness**

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Martin Luther, "The command to you is not to crawl into a corner or into the desert, but to run out...and to offer your hands and your feet and your whole body, and to wager everything you have and can do...If you cannot make the world completely pious, then do what you can."

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Laying the Right Foundation, Pt. 2 (Matt. 5: 7-12)
By Louie Marsh, 5-9-2010

As a Disciple I'm blessed when...

1) I'm _____ like Christ.

Blessed are those who show mercy. They will be treated mercifully.
Matthew 5:7 (GW)

- Grace =
- Pure =
- My mercy is simply a reflection of _____

Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you." "Tell me, teacher," he said. "Two men owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he canceled the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?" Simon replied, "I suppose the one who had the bigger debt canceled." "You have judged correctly," Jesus said... Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven--for she loved much. But he who has been forgiven little loves little." Luke 7:40-43, 47 (NIV)

We love because he first loved us. 1 John 4:19 (NIV)

if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully. Romans 12:8 (NIV)

2) I live _____ for Christ Alone.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Matthew 5:8 (NIV)

Pure =

- Jesus Purifies me from _____

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. 1 John 1:7 (NIV)

- Jesus wants me to serve Him with _____

The goal of this command is love, which comes from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. 1 Timothy 1:5 (NIV)

- The results? _____

"But the good soil represents the hearts of those who truly accept God's message and produce a plentiful harvest for God—thirty, sixty, or even a hundred times as much as was planted in their hearts." Mark 4:20 (TLB)

3) I seek to _____ in Christ.

Blessed are those who make peace. They will be called God's children. Matthew 5:9 (GW)

- Where does peace start? _____

But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness. James 3:17-18 (NIV)

4) I'm _____ for living for Christ.

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you. Matthew 5:10-12 (NIV)

Remember the word that I said unto you, A servant is not greater than his lord. If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they kept my word, they will keep yours also. John 15:20 (ASV)

- How? _____

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The Sermon on the Mount – Disciple UP! Our Fundamental Differences (Matt. 5: 13-16) By Louie Marsh, 5-16-2010

1) Jesus says that I'm _____

"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men. Matthew 5:13 (NIV)

- He says I _____, not I _____
- As salt I'm called to _____
in our fallen world
- I need to avoid becoming _____

2) Jesus says I need to _____

"You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:14-16 (NIV)

- How am I light?

Pure, unstained religion, according to God our Father, is to take care of orphans and widows when they suffer and to remain uncorrupted by this world. James 1:27 (GW)

Suppose a believer, whether a man or a woman, needs clothes or food and one of you tells that person, "God be with you! Stay warm, and make sure you eat enough." If you don't provide for that person's physical needs, what good does it do? In the same way, faith by itself is dead if it doesn't cause you to do any good things. James 2:15-17 (GW)

3) I am called to _____ three fundamental differences

- I must _____ these differences.

Brothers, I could not address you as spiritual but as worldly--mere infants in Christ. I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed, you are still not ready. You are still worldly. For since there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere men? 1 Corinthians 3:1-3 (NIV)

- I must be salt – _____

Now we know that God's judgment against those who do such things is based on truth. So when you, a mere man, pass judgment on them and yet do the same things, do you think you will escape God's judgment? Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, tolerance and patience, not realizing that God's kindness leads you toward repentance? But because of your stubbornness and your unrepentant heart, you are storing up wrath against yourself for the day of God's wrath, when his righteous judgment will be revealed. Romans 2:2-5 (NIV)

- I must be light – _____

"I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness. Isaiah 42:6-7 (NIV)

he says: "It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring my salvation to the ends of the earth." Isaiah 49:6 (NIV)

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The Sermon on the Mount – Disciple UP!
Don't Excuse It – Live it! (Matt. 5: 16-20)
By Louie Marsh, 5-23-2010

1) Jesus says I can't _____

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. Matthew 5:17 (NIV)

- Jesus didn't come to _____
- He came to _____

When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. John 19:30 (NIV)

The 4 Ways Jesus Fulfilled the Law

- Doctrinal Law – _____
- Prophetic - He fulfilled all _____
- Ethical Teachings – _____
- Sacrificial Law – Jesus was the _____

2) God's Word – the Bible – _____

I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. Matthew 5:18 (NIV)

3) Jesus brings us SALVATION BY GRACE!

Anyone who breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 5:19 (NIV)

If any man builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, his work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each man's work. If what he has built survives, he will receive his reward. If it is burned up, he will suffer loss; he himself will be saved, but only as one escaping through the flames. 1 Corinthians 3:12-15 (NIV)

4) Jesus says His disciples must AIM HIGH – VERY HIGH!

For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 5:20 (NIV)

"This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time," declares the LORD. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. Jeremiah 31:33 (NIV)

I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. Ezekiel 36:25-27 (NIV)

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The Sermon on the Mount – Disciple UP! How To Handle My Anger (Matt. 5: 21-26) By Louie Marsh, 5-30-2010

To Deal Properly with my Anger...

1) I must make sure I _____

"You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.' Matthew 5:21 (NIV)

How We Distort God's Commands:

- We _____
- We view it with _____
- We avoid like the plague _____

How Jesus Gets to the Heart of the Matter

- Anger is always _____

But I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgment...Matthew 5:22a(NIV)

- How _____ determines whether it's sinful or not.

"In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold. Ephesians 4:26-27 (NIV)

- Degrading & demeaning speech is _____

...Again, anyone who says to his brother, 'Raca,' is answerable to the Sanhedrin. But anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell. Matthew 5:22b (NIV)

2) When Jesus Speaks I must _____

"Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift. Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court. Do it while you are still with him on the way, or he may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison. I tell you the truth, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny. Matthew 5:23-26 (NIV)

- The burden to reconcile is ALWAYS on _____
- Healing a relationship is more important than _____
- Failure to act quickly will exact a _____

THE BOTTOM LINE:

If I'm aware of an offense between me and a brother or sister in Christ

THE LARGER PRINCIPLE:

A Disciple of Jesus _____

works out problems between him or herself and other Christians!

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The Disciple & Lust (Matt. 5: 27-30)

By Louie Marsh, 6-6-2010

If I'm Going To Deal with Lust I Must...

1) _____ where this sin begins.

"You have heard that it was said, 'Do not commit adultery.' But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. Matthew 5:27-28 (NIV)

- _____ harmful extremes
- Get to the _____

2) _____ what lust is & isn't!

- Definitions:

NOTE – lust and control issues _____

What it's not:

- Lust is _____
- What it really is - The misuse of the gift of _____

3) _____ to think Biblically about sex.

For Single People

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- Best advice:

For Married People

- Bring the Bible _____

Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. Mark 8:34 (NIV)

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her Ephesians 5:25 (NIV)

- The Biblical approach to sexual relations with your spouse is

4) Heed Jesus' warnings & _____

If your right eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell. Matthew 5:29-30 (NIV)

So What's It Mean?

- _____ as if I really couldn't see or touch.

Some Practical Advice.

- I must _____ when I see, hear or feel it.
- I must _____ that will temp me.
- _____ & learn to live with it

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The Sermon on the Mount – Disciple UP! The Disciple & Divorce (Matt. 5: 31-32) By Louie Marsh, 6-13-2010

"It has been said, 'Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce.' But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for marital unfaithfulness, causes her to become an adulteress, and anyone who marries the divorced woman commits adultery. Matthew 5:31-32 (NIV)

WHAT'S JESUS REALLY SAYING HERE:

1) I need to _____ of marriage, not the culture's.

Some Pharisees came to him to test him. They asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any and every reason?" "Haven't you read," he replied, "that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female,' and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'? So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate." "Why then," they asked, "did Moses command that a man give his wife a certificate of divorce and send her away?" Jesus replied, "Moses permitted you to divorce your wives because your hearts were hard. But it was not this way from the beginning. I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for marital unfaithfulness, and marries another woman commits adultery." Matthew 19:3-9 (NIV)

2, Jesus isn't legislating, so _____
See Lev. 20:10-21

3) _____ that Remarriage bears the consequences of Divorce.

- **Jesus says divorce will make it _____ that you've committed adultery.**

Jesus told her, "Go to your husband, and bring him here." The woman replied, "I don't have a husband." Jesus told her, "You're right when you say that you don't have a husband. You've had five husbands, and the man you have now isn't your husband. You've told the truth." John 4:16-18 (GW)

THE BOTTOM LINE ON DIVORCE:

- 1) All divorce is a _____
- 2) Divorce is _____ than any other sin.
- 3) God _____ just like everyone else.
- 4) I am called to love, forgive & _____ - not divorce!

WHAT CAN WE DO TO SAVE OUR MARRIAGES?

- Don't say _____
- We need _____ Not Married Christians!

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her... This is a profound mystery--but I am talking about Christ and the church. However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband. Ephesians 5:25, 32-33 (NIV)

- A Christian marriage is one where _____