**UNFORGETTABLE**

**Truths to Remember, Matthew 6:33 & Romans 8:28**

Sunday, January 19, 2025

**UNFORGETTABLE-** Looking at verses that are important to memorize and remember as we face the challenges of life. Whether a believer or not LIFE IS HARD! We live in a sin-filled world with sin-filled people. The question is whether we want to face it God’s way, know Him through it, and grow in greater dependence on God or not. One of my greatest desires as a pastor is to help people face their challenges as God wants them to so they can know God. So…

1. **WEEK 1-** Asked you to think of that one thing that hangs over your head/sits in your heart that if God would fix in 2025 that life would be good. God change my spouse/kids/parents, heal my physical health/mental health, get me a different job/better paying job. We looked at Psalm 37:1-6, specifically 37:4 where God says if we’ll consume ourselves with Him then He promises to give us the desires of our hearts/that which consumes our hearts. LESSON- being consumed with God means being consumed with how He says to respond to our desires which means He’ll make sure we have what we need to obey Him and we’ll see that doing it His way was the right way.
2. **LAST WEEK-** we looked at Proverbs 3:5-8, specifically 3:7-8 where God commands us to not listen to what we think but entrust our welfare/responses to what He says. Doing so will ensure that He’ll keep us from wandering around, making bad/hurtful decisions, wasting time/energy, and it will bring healing to our hearts, minds. LESSON- don’t think “I’ve got this!” as if you know better than God how to think/respond especially in relation to that thing that issue that weighs on you. Spiritual maturity is greater/greater dependence on God.

**LAST WEEK I stated that the life God calls us to is radically different than how we lived before coming to faith in Him.** He’s transforming us from who we were before Jesus to someone who thinks and responds more and more like Jesus. This is one of my big struggles and maybe yours too. I think there’s nothing wrong with how I’m viewing things; nothing wrong with what my expectation/motivation is in a given situation- it seems so right and logical! But then I get into the Bible and realize that if I’m looking at things from God’s perspective, living life for His purposes then how I’m viewing things IS wrong, my expectation/motivation IS wrong. Now there’s a battle in my head/heart for who is going to be the Lord of my life- God or me? I mean, can I trust that if I respond God’s way that He’s going to make sure I have what I need?

**IN MATTHEW 6 Jesus talks more about this radically different life and promises that if we’re motivated by what motivated Jesus then God will meet all our needs.** We want to look at and memorize for future use Matthew 6:33. Before we break the verse down let me read the previous verses to get the context of what Jesus is promising. Matthew 6:25-34 Here’s what we’ve been talking about the last couple of weeks with a different spin on it and different promise. Jesus is saying if day in/day out, with every decision, no matter what we think/how we feel, we have a single-focus on God being the authority in our life and basing all our decisions/responses on what He says in the Bible that all our needs- basic and others will be met. We need to break this down.

1. **PRIORITIZE GOD, Matthew 6:33**
2. **Seek First-** zeteo; present imperative, meaning a command from Jesus to day in day out, you live your life having a single-minded focus on God’s kingdom and righteousness.
3. A command, not a suggestion, or one option among many.
4. Not based on what I think/my understanding, Proverbs 3:5-8
5. Living this way makes life less complicated/confusing- God says so I do it.
6. It’s still hard, it’s hard no matter which road you take but taking God’s way, you have God providing for you. Do it your way, then He let’s you be god, and figure it out.
7. **God’s Kingdom-** basileia: royal power, dominion, authority
8. Do you have a single-minded focus on letting God rule, letting God have authority over your life/decisions?
9. Or do you have a single-minded focus on having you rule/you having authority over your life/decisions?
10. EX: That desire of your heart from Week 1 you want God to fix in 2025- that thing that consumes you/continually sits on your head/heart- change my spouse, kids, parents, relationship, finances, job, health, mental health. Are you looking to God for counsel on how to respond, or do you take counsel with yourself or others?

John Stott, The Message of the Sermon on the Mount, “…there are only two kinds of ambition: one can be ambitious either for oneself or for God. There is no third alternative.” There’s no negotiating with God- this time God’s way, next time my way. If you “seek first” God having the authority OVER your life then you’ll “seek first” His righteousness IN your life. You’ll want to be “righteous”, be right with God, obey what He commands in every area of life.

1. **God’s Righteousness-** dikaiosune; being right, obeying what God commands
2. Do you have a single-minded focus on doing what God says? Or…
3. Do you have a single-minded focus on doing what you think?
4. Do you recognize a difference? I said this last week- we’re so self-focused, think that we know what is true/what’s not, that we struggle to admit we’re wrong even when God says we are.
5. **God’s Promise-** all our needs will be added to us.
6. Added to- He’s already met most/all of our needs and will continue to meet the needs that come up.
7. We all have clothes on, drove over in a car with heat into a nice, warm building.
8. We all have access to food whether we ate breakfast or not.
9. God’s blessed us in the US where our basic needs are always met, but we think we’re the ones who are providing for them.
10. God meets our needs so we can obey Him, not disobey Him. He won’t give you what you need to disobey Him.
11. God is never early, never late, but always on time.
12. God meets our needs for today, not today for tomorrow.
13. God will meet tomorrow’s needs tomorrow.
14. Why does He do this?
15. His goal is to keep us as close to Him as we’ll allow Him because he knows that’s the safest and most satisfying place for us to be.
16. As I said last week- Spiritual maturity is greater/greater dependence on God.

Have a single-minded focus on allowing God to have authority OVER your life and IN your life as you obey Him.

It’s then that He’ll make sure your needs for TODAY are met.