

CAN YOU NAVIGATE THE DIFFICULTIES OF LIFE?

❖ WE NEED A GREAT TEACHER

❖ WE NEED A GREAT SAVIOR!

❖ ***JESUS IS THAT ONE AND ONLY PERSON WHO WILL
ACCOMPLISH BOTH NEEDS!***



NEW SERIES: THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT, OR,
NAVIGATING LIFE

❖ LEARNING THE CHRISTIAN **‘WALK’**


❖ GROWING IN OUR **FAITH**

❖ GETTING CLOSER TO **JESUS**





NAVIGATION 101 - SOTM LESSON 5: **SINGULAR FOCUS**

- TEXT: MATTHEW 5.27-32
 - THEMES: LUST AND ADULTERY
 - MAIN POINT: SINGULAR FOCUS
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MATTHEW 5.27-32, NIV

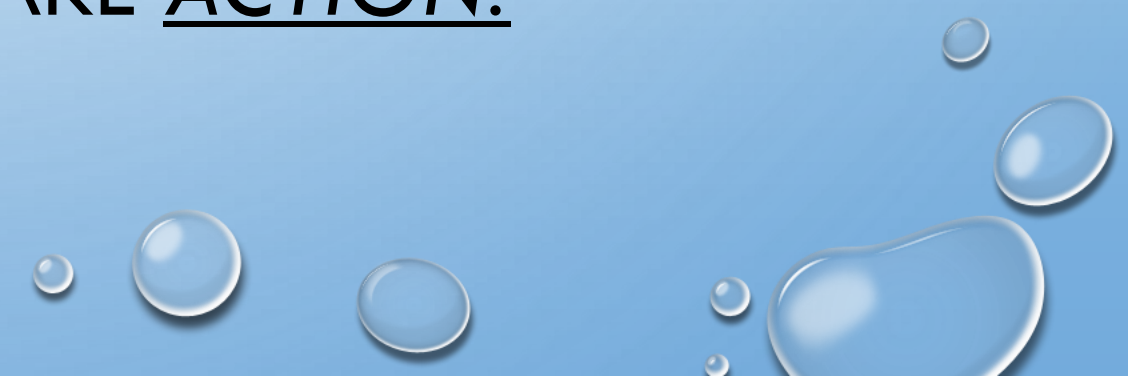
- ²⁷ “YOU HAVE HEARD THAT IT WAS SAID, ‘YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY.’ ²⁸ BUT I TELL YOU THAT ANYONE WHO LOOKS AT A WOMAN LUSTFULLY HAS ALREADY COMMITTED ADULTERY WITH HER IN HIS HEART.

- ²⁹ IF YOUR RIGHT EYE CAUSES YOU TO STUMBLE, 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.³⁰ AND IF YOUR RIGHT HAND CAUSES YOU TO STUMBLE, 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.

- ³¹ “IT HAS BEEN SAID, ‘ANYONE WHO DIVORCES HIS WIFE MUST GIVE HER A CERTIFICATE OF DIVORCE.’ ³² BUT I TELL YOU THAT ANYONE WHO DIVORCES HIS WIFE, EXCEPT FOR SEXUAL IMMORALITY, MAKES HER THE VICTIM OF ADULTERY, AND ANYONE WHO MARRIES A DIVORCED WOMAN COMMITS ADULTERY.



“PRONE TO WANDER, LORD I FEEL IT”

- WHAT IS JESUS ASKING FROM US?
 - HOW CAN WE OBEY SCRIPTURE IN A WORLD IMMERSED IN LUST AND COVETING?
 - THE SERIOUSNESS OF SIN – TAKE ACTION!
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EXODUS 20 - ONE GOD

- 1AND GOD SPOKE ALL THESE WORDS:
- 2“I AM THE LORD YOUR GOD, WHO BROUGHT YOU OUT OF EGYPT, OUT OF THE LAND OF SLAVERY.
- 3“YOU SHALL HAVE NO OTHER GODS BEFORE ME.

UNDERSTANDING GOD'S PURPOSE:

- GOD WANTS US TO FIND COMPLETE SATISFACTION IN HIM AND HIM ALONE
- WHY?
- BECAUSE ONLY HE IS GOD
- BECAUSE ONLY HE CAN SATISFY

OUR PROBLEM:

- WE ARE NOT CONTENT!
- WE KEEP LOOKING FOR SOMETHING ELSE,
SOMEONE ELSE, SOMETHING MORE ..
- I.E., WE DON'T TRUST GOD!

A UNIVERSAL HUMAN PROBLEM

- 1NOW THE SERPENT WAS MORE CRAFTY THAN ANY OF THE WILD ANIMALS THE LORD GOD HAD MADE. HE SAID TO THE WOMAN, “DID GOD REALLY SAY, ‘YOU MUST NOT EAT FROM ANY TREE IN THE GARDEN’?”

- 2THE WOMAN SAID TO THE SERPENT, “WE MAY EAT FRUIT FROM THE TREES IN THE GARDEN, 3BUT GOD DID SAY, ‘YOU MUST NOT EAT FRUIT FROM THE TREE THAT IS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE GARDEN, AND YOU MUST NOT TOUCH IT, OR YOU WILL DIE.’ ”

- 4“YOU WILL NOT CERTAINLY DIE,” THE SERPENT SAID TO THE WOMAN. 5“FOR GOD KNOWS THAT WHEN YOU EAT FROM IT YOUR EYES WILL BE OPENED, AND YOU WILL BE LIKE GOD, KNOWING GOOD AND EVIL.”

- **6 WHEN THE WOMAN SAW THAT THE FRUIT OF THE TREE WAS GOOD FOR FOOD AND PLEASING TO THE EYE, AND ALSO DESIRABLE FOR GAINING WISDOM, SHE TOOK SOME AND ATE IT. SHE ALSO GAVE SOME TO HER HUSBAND, WHO WAS WITH HER, AND HE ATE IT.**

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- ¹⁶ “ARE YOU STILL SO DULL?” JESUS ASKED THEM. ¹⁷ “DON’T YOU SEE THAT WHATEVER ENTERS THE MOUTH GOES INTO THE STOMACH AND THEN OUT OF THE BODY? ¹⁸ BUT THE THINGS THAT COME OUT OF A PERSON’S MOUTH ***COME FROM THE HEART, AND THESE DEFILE THEM.***


- ***¹⁹ FOR OUT OF THE HEART COME EVIL THOUGHTS—MURDER, ADULTERY, SEXUAL IMMORALITY, THEFT, FALSE TESTIMONY, SLANDER. ²⁰ THESE ARE WHAT DEFILE A PERSON; BUT EATING WITH UNWASHED HANDS DOES NOT DEFILE THEM.”***

SOLUTION- EZEKIEL 36

- 26 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. 27 AND I WILL PUT MY SPIRIT IN YOU AND MOVE YOU TO FOLLOW MY DECREES AND BE CAREFUL TO KEEP MY LAWS.



WE NEED HELP! WE HAVE HELP!

- IN JESUS WE HAVE:
 - **FORGIVENESS**
 - **RESTORATION**
 - **HEALING**
 - **DAILY HELP**
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HOW DO I 'LUST LESS?'

- **BECOME A CHRISTIAN!**
- TIME IN THE **BIBLE**
- TIME IN **PRAYER**
- **ACCOUNTABILITY**

WHAT ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT?

- ⁵ WE DEMOLISH ARGUMENTS AND EVERY PRETENSION THAT SETS ITSELF UP AGAINST THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD, AND ***WE TAKE CAPTIVE EVERY THOUGHT*** TO MAKE IT OBEDIENT TO CHRIST.

- 2 CORINTHIANS 10

- ² DO NOT CONFORM TO THE PATTERN OF THIS WORLD, BUT BE TRANSFORMED BY **THE RENEWING OF YOUR MIND**. THEN YOU WILL BE ABLE TO TEST AND APPROVE WHAT GOD'S WILL IS—HIS GOOD, PLEASING AND PERFECT WILL.

- ROMANS 12



NEVER FORGET:

- THEREFORE, THERE IS NOW **NO CONDEMNATION** FOR THOSE WHO ARE IN CHRIST JESUS, ² BECAUSE THROUGH CHRIST JESUS THE LAW OF THE SPIRIT WHO GIVES LIFE HAS SET YOU FREE FROM THE LAW OF SIN AND DEATH.

- ROMANS 8



C S LEWIS: *MERE CHRISTIANITY*

- THE HAPPINESS WHICH GOD DESIGNS FOR HIS HIGHER CREATURES IS THE HAPPINESS OF BEING FREELY, VOLUNTARILY UNITED TO HIM AND TO EACH OTHER IN AN ECSTASY OF LOVE AND DELIGHT COMPARED WITH WHICH THE MOST RAPTUROUS LOVE BETWEEN A MAN AND A WOMAN ON THIS EARTH IS MERE MILK AND WATER. AND FOR THAT THEY MUST BE FREE.