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## I. INTRO/REVIEW

HRISTIAN CENTER

- A. I am "Here"
  - Dictionary.com: In this place; in this spot or locality (opposed to there)
  - Sound bites from last week...
    - The desire to be "THERE" becomes the enemy of "HERE"
    - o If my focus is "THERE" I won't give any attention to "HERE"
    - Regardless of how I got "HERE," "HERE" is where I am
    - Knowing that God can only meet me "HERE" gives me peace
- B. Here is the best place you can be, because here is where God is

Matthew 6:33 (NIRV) But put God's kingdom first. Do what he wants you to do. Then all those things will also be given to you.

## II. DAILY BREAD

A. Heart motives and Matthew chapter 6

Matthew 6:1 (NIRV) "Be careful not to do good deeds in front of other people. Don't do those deeds to be seen by others. If you do, your Father in heaven will not reward you.

Matthew 6:4 (NIRV) Then your giving will be done secretly. Your Father will reward you, because he sees what you do secretly.

- Two themes in this chapter:
  - The motive of what you do
  - The Father's reward

Matthew 6:6b (NIRV) ... Your Father will reward you, because he sees what you do secretly.

Matthew 6:18b (NIRV) ... Your Father will reward you, because he sees what you do secretly.

• Your treasure and your heart are connected

Matthew 6:24 (NIRV) "No one can serve two masters at the same time. You will hate one of them and love the other. Or you will be faithful to one and dislike the other. You can't serve God and money at the same time.

B. In light of all of this, don't worry!

Matthew 6:25-28 (NIRV) <sup>25</sup> "I tell you, do not worry. Don't worry about your life and what you will eat or drink. And don't worry about your body and what you will wear. Isn't there more to life than eating? Aren't there more important things for the body than clothes? <sup>26</sup> Look at the birds of the air. They don't plant or gather crops. They don't put away crops in storerooms. But your Father who is in heaven feeds them. Aren't you worth much more than they are? <sup>27</sup> Can you add even one hour to your life by worrying?



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<sup>28</sup> "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the wild flowers grow. They don't work or make clothing.

Matthew 6:29-32 (NIRV) <sup>29</sup> But here is what I tell you. Not even Solomon in all his royal robes was dressed like one of these flowers. <sup>30</sup> If that is how God dresses the wild grass, won't he dress you even better? Your faith is so small! After all, the grass is here only today. Tomorrow it is thrown into the fire. <sup>31</sup> So don't worry. Don't say, 'What will we eat?' Or, 'What will we drink?' Or, 'What will we wear?' <sup>32</sup> People who are ungodly run after all those things. <u>Your Father who is in heaven knows that you need them</u>.

C. Keeping the cross "here" will take you "there"

Matthew 6:33-34 (NIRV) <sup>33</sup> But put God's kingdom first. Do what he wants you to do. Then all those things will also be given to you. <sup>34</sup> So don't worry about tomorrow. Tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

- D. You can't solve the problems of tomorrow with the wisdom of yesterday
  - Jesus taught us to pray, "give us this day our daily bread"

## **III. ONE DAY**

A. One day

Exodus 3:1 (NLT) "One day Moses was tending the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian. He led the flock far into the wilderness and came Sinai, the mountain of God."

- B. What might you be missing "here"
- C. Here I am

Exodus 3:2-5 (NLT) <sup>2</sup> There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a blazing fire from the middle of a bush. Moses stared in amazement. Though the bush was engulfed in flames, it didn't burn up. <sup>3</sup> "This is amazing," Moses said to himself. "Why isn't that bush burning up? I must go see it." <sup>4</sup> When the Lord saw Moses coming to take a closer look, God called to him from the middle of the bush, "Moses! Moses!" "Here I am!" Moses replied. <sup>5</sup> "Do not come any closer," the Lord warned. "Take off your sandals, for you are standing on holy ground.