

08/15/21 Message

Part of The End of Me

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Message: Fan or Follower

Series: Broken to be Whole

Recap: This is the second message in our series The End of Me. The foundation of this series in the Sermon on the Mount found in Matthew 5-7. It's about DTR – define the relationship – between you and Jesus. Are you a fan or a follower of Jesus?

Introduction

- Jesus became real when I CAME TO THE END OF ME

Jesus' public ministry was getting started in Matthew 4:18; He called out to Peter and Andrew to "Come, follow Me!" Following Jesus is one thing – but what exactly does it mean to follow Him... Last week we said it meant to be "attached" and "devoted" to Him, not just physically follow Him. What were the implications of following Jesus? What did it look like?

Luke 18:28 (NIV), Peter tells Jesus, "We have left all we had to follow you!"

Then Jesus says...

Luke 18:29-30 (NLT)

Yes, and I assure you that everyone who has given up house or wife or brothers or parents or children, for the sake of the Kingdom of God, will be repaid many times over in this life, and will have eternal life in the world to come.

Many people in the Bible experienced coming to the end of themselves to give all to Jesus:

- Luke 19 – Zacchaeus
- John 11 – Mary and Martha
- John 4 – Samaritan woman at the well

It brings a new perspective to the concept - the end of me! But the truth is, I can't reach the end of me without sacrifice. I can't reach the end of me without giving up something... I can't reach the end of me without giving up everything.

—Pastor Chad

Jesus Teaches

Luke 6:12 - Jesus prayed all night long

Luke 6:13 - He named the disciples and started preaching

The longest recorded sermon of Jesus was on a mountain near Capernaum, it was the SERMON ON THE MOUNT

He starts out with the BEATTITUDES meaning supreme blessedness or a state of being blessed

Matthew 5:3-12 (NLT)

3 "God blesses those who are poor and realize their need for him, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.

4 God blesses those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

5 God blesses those who are humble, for they will inherit the whole earth.

6 God blesses those who hunger and thirst for justice, for they will be satisfied.

7 God blesses those who are merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

8 God blesses those whose hearts are pure, for they will see God.

9 God blesses those who work for peace, for they will be called the children of God.

10 God blesses those who are persecuted for doing right, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.

11 "God blesses you when people mock you and persecute you and lie about you and say all sorts of evil things against you because you are my followers.

12 Be happy about it! Be very glad! For a great reward awaits you in heaven. And remember, the ancient prophets were persecuted in the same way.

The word blessed is repeated over and over. The Greek word

translated blessed means great... rich... But in this case, it transcends material (physical)... it's spiritual!

Jesus uses the term as a conditional promise. In other words, if your life looks like this... I make this promise to you.

—Pastor Chad

Matthew 5:3 (NASB)

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:3 (MSG)

You're blessed when you're at the end of your rope. With less of you there is more of God...

It's about genuine humility, coming to the end of yourself, being broken!

Jesus is saying, if you need Me - I want you!

—Pastor Chad

The Greek word for poor refers to begging or becoming a beggar.

Get this church... He says, you must be poor in spirit. You must be so far down you can't drop any further - but that's not all. You have to be down and literally begging for Him to pick you up! Begging for Him to get you out of the pit and change your life! Begging for Him to kill the old you and literally create a brand new you! Give you a new life! Make you a new creation!

—Pastor Chad

Jesus Expects Everything

Luke 14:33 (NIV)

In the same way, any of you who does not give up everything he has cannot be my disciple.

If you'll give up everything - you'll gain everything!

He's saying, if you do that... you'll be repaid over and over again in this life with the blessings I'll pour out on you - and you'll have the

greatest gift I could ever give you - eternal life in the world to come!

You have to be broken, in order to be made whole!