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Our mission is to help people **Come** to know Jesus as Savior, **Grow** in a relationship with Him, and **Live** their lives for Him. God loves you and we pray that during the worship service you will be able to connect with Him through song, scripture, and the message.

Sunday, May 24, 2026

Sermon Series: Be Strong - Strength Where It Matters Most

Sermon Title: Strong Country

Scripture: Proverbs 14:34, Micah 6:6-8

Speaker: Pastor Kendall Harger

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Sermon Notes

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Strong Country

Big Idea

A nation is only as strong as the character of its people.

Proverbs 14:34, Micah 6:6-8

We Honor Sacrifice

- Memorial Day = remembering those who gave everything
- Freedom is never free
- We did not get to where we are without sacrifice

We Reflect on Responsibility

- Freedom requires stewardship (we all have a responsibility)
- What are we doing with what others died for?

We Return to God

- “Do what is right, or fair towards others. Treat them as you would want to be treated.” -David Guzik
 - Love mercy: “Don’t just show mercy, but love to show it. Give others the same measure of mercy you want to receive from Me.”
 - Walk humbly with your God: “Remember who I am - your God. If you keep that in mind, you will walk humbly before me.”
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“When I was young, I set out to change the world. When I grew a little older, I perceived that this was too ambitious, so I set out to change my state. This too, I realized as I grew older, was too ambitious, so I set out to change my town. When I realized I could not even do this, I tried to change my family.

Now as an old man, I know that I should have started by changing myself. If I had started with myself, maybe then I would have succeeded in changing my family, the town, or even the state - and who knows, maybe even the world!”

- This famous reflection on personal transformation is widely attributed to an anonymous Hasidic rabbi on his deathbed.
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Sermon Questions

Icebreaker: What is one sacrifice someone has made for you that you are especially grateful for? How did it impact your life?

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. Read Proverbs 14:34 together. What does it mean that "godliness makes a nation great"? How is this different from what our culture typically defines as greatness?
3. The sermon stated, "Freedom is never free." Beyond military sacrifice, what other sacrifices have been made for the freedoms we enjoy today?
4. The pastor said, "One might say that the most patriotic thing a citizen might do is repent of their sin and then receive and pursue God's righteousness in their life." How does this deepen our conventional ideas of patriotism?
5. Let's break down Micah 6:8:
 - a) Do justly: Where in your life do you need to treat others more fairly?
 - b) Love mercy: How can you show mercy to someone this week?
 - c) Walk humbly with God: What does humility before God look like practically?
6. The quote from the Hasidic rabbi emphasizes starting with personal change before trying to change the world. What specific area of your own character needs transformation before you can influence others?
7. How do nations drift toward decay rather than strength, and what are the warning signs we should watch for in our own communities and country?