



Sermon Series: Seek, Serve, Send

Purpose: To prioritize what matters most, reorient ourselves toward others, and live out God's mission.

Today's Sermon: First Things First

Scripture Text: Matthew 6:1–33

Matthew 6:33 (NKJV), "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you."

Truth for Today:

- What we put first determines what follows.
- What you place first determines what has authority in your life.
- What you seek shapes who you become.
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Bottom Line: When God is first, everything else finds its proper place.

1. Internal devotion matters more than external validation. (Matthew 6:1)

- Jesus warns us that we can be externally impressive but internally misaligned.
- Jesus invites us to seek God's approval over human acceptance.
- Jesus reminds us that God shapes us through hidden faithfulness, not outward performance.

Application: Choose one spiritual practice to do this week, with no one else knowing, simply to be with God.



2. What you seek first reveals what you trust most. (Matthew 6:25-32)

- Jesus names the things people seek most: provision, security, the future.
- Jesus does not minimize our needs. He redefines the order.
- Jesus says that before we ask God for anything, we surrender everything.

Application: Pay attention to what you run to first when you feel pressure, uncertainty, or need, and in that precise moment, turn to God and ask Him to help you.

3. Jesus teaches us how to reorder our loves. (Matthew 6:2, 5, 16)

- Jesus doesn't say, "If." He says, "When."
- Jesus tells us that practicing spiritual habits is not about deprivation but devotion.
- Jesus shows us how to seek the kingdom: To rightly order our lives under God's reign.

Application: Participate in the 21-day fast at any level by choosing to surrender something as an act of seeking God first (e.g., social media, food, entertainment, routine/patterns).

Remember: We don't practice spiritual habits to get something from God. We practice them as a means of returning to Him.

