



REDEMPTION
CITY CHURCH

Whose Voice Do You Hear?

Blessing
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Sticky Statement: The voice you listen to, defines you!

Passage: Matthew 3:13-4:4

"In recent years, the lives we live seem to be getting busier and busier. Technology has increasingly made its way into every part of our existence – nearly everyone has powerful smartphones in their hands, pockets, or somewhere close. Economic and societal pressure has increased the need, **or at least the perception**, that we should always be doing and striving for more." - Thatcher Wine

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1. The Father's Voice Defines You. (Matt 3:13-17)

13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. 14 John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" 15 But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. 16 And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; 17 and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." - Matt 3:13-17

**In our day, worth and value
are determined by outputs.**

9 As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. **Abide** in my love. - John 15:9

Jesus' Rhythm of Retreat & Return

- *Mark 1:35*
- *Luke 5:16*
- *Luke 6:12*

2. The Father's Voice Empowers You. (Matt 4:1-4)

1 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. 2 And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. 3 And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." 4 But he answered, "It is written, "'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" - Matthew 4:1-4

IF has been dealt with on the cross!

The Father has a Word for every IF
the enemy speaks!

Do the Word

“Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.” - Matthew 4:4

Begin a daily rhythm of Scripture and Prayer

“Start where you, not where you want to be.”

Scripture:

Grab either a digital or paper copy of the reading plan for the Gospel of John and begin this week using the daily guide.

Prayer:

Take 5-10 mins every morning to pray through the Lord’s Prayer found in Matthew 6:9-13. Use this as a template for simply talking with the Father.

