



Sermon Series Introduction

with

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Colossians 3:1-4

Good morning! In the new series, “Looking Up When Life is a Letdown” we are going to be looking at some gems that are hidden in plain sight in the New Testament. These gems will help us lift our eyes when we feel stuck. We’ve all had that experience of having a song stuck in our head, and in a similar way we can get stuck in our thoughts in a kind of automatic loop.

Let's look at what God's Word says about our thinking in Colossians 3:1-4.

The instructions that are given here are so important because:

“When we are told to do something in Scripture, it is because the default of human nature is to do something else.” Pastor Tim

So, this series is going to look at some of the ways our thoughts can get stuck in loops that are not helpful, and how to do what Colossians 3 says.

Colossians has the solution here: “Seek the things above and “Set your mind on things above.”

You may be thinking, “Sounds great, but how?” Here's what we'll look at in this series and how to do this:

What we'll look at each week, these gems hidden in plain sight, are called *doxologies*. Our English word *doxology* comes from the Greek word *doxa*, meaning "glory," and *logos*, which refers to something that is written or spoken. So, a doxology is something spoken or written about the glory of God, or Who God is.

What we'll look at are times when a New Testament writer breaks from a teaching or instruction to give glory to God. I think we're on the right track to setting our minds on things above by taking notice of and filling our minds with these.

Here's an example of a doxology: Ephesians 3:20-21. Notice how the Apostle Paul sets his mind on things above by focusing on something about the character of God!

Last week we shared that the church has a gift for each of us that will bless us, and we're excited to unveil this to you!

*Colossians 3:1-2 instructs us to seek the things that are above and to set our minds on things above. Why? Because in Christ, our lives are wrapped up into His life! To do so can free us from patterns of thinking that are not helpful at best, and harmful at worst. This week practice what we're told to do here by logging into **Right Now Media** and taking advantage of any of the resources there!*

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