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Week 2: BrandNew Purpose

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JESUS CREATES A NEW PURPOSE IN OUR NEW START.

MATTHEW 6:25-34

Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?

When we start fresh we have new purpose.....

Imagine a man standing in a room with a button. There is nothing in the room, but the man and the button. He has no clue about what's outside the room, he has no idea what the bottom does, and no communication with the outside world.

Finally the man decides to press the button. When he does, he feels a sharp shocking sensation through his entire body. He doesn't know if the shock is from the floor or something else, but he definitely felt a shock. He looks around the room again for something he might have missed, but there is nothing. He assumes it was the press of the button but he can't know for sure.

Eventually he builds back up the courage to press it again and confirm his theory. The moment he presses the button in he feels a sharp shock again, the same sensation, the same duration. The two must be correlated in some manner. The man who two choices. Cease pressing the button and consider the matter resolved or press it again to make certain that's what is happening.

Some of you reading this probably think that's enough, no more pressing the button. Decision has been made, being shocked is no fun, and we won't do that any more. Some reading this are a bit more curious and would need a few more attempts just to be sure. Yet what if it were 100 attempts? What if the man had attempted more and more. What if every day he had tried and been shocked, when would be enough to realize you need to stop pressing the button?

This week, we're talking about the new purpose, focus, or direction we're given in Christ. We'll look at the things we often let cloud our vision and judgment and how eventually we've got to learn that the same things we've prioritize, chased after, and worried about need to take a back seat to something greater. After living our entire life chasing something with no results, what would it look like to finally realize we need to chase something else.

Sermon Notes:

We've all had seasons where we hope things will change. We want things to be different but can't really seem to make the change. What is this fresh start or new beginning that Jesus offers us and how can how is it different?

Matthew 6:25-34

Are you worried about this life?

"Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life"

Jesus calls us to stop worrying about the things we used to worry about

- Food
- Shelter
- Money
- Clothing

Are you still chasing things you used to chase?

- Career
- Relationship Status
- Personification

Are you trusting God cares

"Your Heavenly Father knows that you need them all."

Are you chasing things he's already got in his control?

- Helpful Consideration or Pointless Rumination

Reasons we don't trust?

- Fear or doing without
- Worried we won't get our way
- Pride: I can take care of myself.

Are you embracing the priorities of new life?

"Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness"

Kingdom Priorities > Survival mentality

May you stop worrying about your old life and prioritize the new.

WORK THROUGH IT...

What do you find yourself worrying about the most in life?
Do you find it hard to believe that God has those things in contro Why do you think that is?
How would your life look different if you stopped chasing those things, put them in God's hands, and started pursing Kingdom priorities?
What do you think is the different between being diligent in your work and efforts but not relying on them for provision?
How would your efforts be different in those areas if the priority changed from survival to service?

QUESTIONS FOR GROUP STUDY

Read Romans 12:2 together as a group.

"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect." Romans 12:2

What do you think the Bible means when it tells us not to be "conformed to this world"?

How do people sometimes misrepresent this statement and apply it poorly to their lives?

What about the world do you think God wants us to transform from and into?

Where do you think it is the hardest for people to transform their lives into the kind of lives Jesus wants for us in our "BrandNew"?

What does it means to "transform your mind" like the passage says?

How do we go about daily making this transformation?



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