

UNSHAKEABLE

LIVING THE WORDS OF JESUS



SERMON OUTLINE

Sunday Oct 18th, 2020

Be A Person Of Your Word - Matthew 5:33-37

- **How Are You Doing?**

The Difference Between Wrestling With God
and Fighting Against God

- **Trust Me**

- **You Have Heard It Said...**

"You have also heard that our ancestors were told, 'You must not break your vows; you must carry out the vows you make to the Lord.'" Matt 5:33

- Life in Jesus' Day - Exodus 20:16

- Two Problems : i) Over Promising ii) Deceptive Promising

- **But I Tell You...**

"But I say, do not make any vows! Do not say, 'By heaven!' because heaven is God's throne. And do not say, 'By the earth!' because the earth is his footstool. And do not say, 'By Jerusalem!' for Jerusalem is the city of the great King. Do not even say, 'By my head!' for you can't turn one hair white or black. Just say a simple, 'Yes, I will,' or 'No, I won't.' Anything beyond this is from the evil one." Matthew 5:34-37

- "I swear to God..."

- **Check Your Heart**

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- The Kingdom Life calls us to a higher standard
 - i) Keep Your Promises
 - ii) Keep Jesus In The Center
 - iii) Say What You Mean, Mean What You Say
 - iv) Do What You Say You Will Do When You Say You Will Do It

- **Being A Person Of Your Word**

A. **Show Up** - People Are The Point

B. **Do The Hard Stuff** (Psalm 30:5)

C. **Be Safe** - Don't Judge, Do Challenge (Matt 7:1–2)

D. **Be Selfless** (Galatians 6:2)

E. **Be Real** - No Perfect People (Philippians 3:13–14)

- i) No Perfect People
- ii) Acknowledge Your Faults
- iii) Say You're Sorry
- iv) Ask For Help

- **Surrender - Follow - Listen - Do**

- The Gospel - the Good News of Jesus - is that we are forgiven by God. Because we are forgiven, through the Spirit of God we have been given the power to forgive.
- In Jesus, we have the power to live the Kingdom Life.
(2 Timothy 1:7)

"For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." (2 Corinthians 5:21, ESV)

"So if the Son sets you free, you are truly free." (John 8:36, NLT)

"For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost."
(Luke 19:10, NLT)

SERMON STUDY GUIDE

We meet in Life Groups to: Connect deeper with God and each other through prayer and relationship. Connect the Bible to life. Connect with our community through serving.

ICE BREAKER: Name someone in your life (past or present) upon whom you knew/know without a doubt you could/can depend? What made/makes them dependable?

PRAYER: God is worthy to be sought - take time to pray together in your group.

HOW TO READ THE BIBLE

“All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.” (2 Timothy 3:16-17, NLT)

Ask yourselves the following questions as you read this week’s Bible passage...

What is God asking me to believe?

What is God asking me to do?

How is God preparing me to live more effectively for him?



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SERMON SERIES: “*Unshakeable: Living The Words of Jesus*”

In this sermon series we explore how to live according to Jesus’ teachings in **Matthew chapters 5-7**. This is the **Gospel of the Kingdom**. It is something we are not only to know, but to do, to *live*. And when we do that, we are immovable, unshakeable because the foundation is Jesus and he is the Rock of our salvation that is immovable and *unshakeable*.

Reference: *The Essence: Unpacking Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount* (2020). Winslade. Wipf Stock Pub.

THIS WEEK: Matthew 5:33-37 “**Be A Person Of Your Word**”

Watch the weekend’s sermon:

<http://www.coldspringschurch.net/sermons.html>.

EXPLORING TOGETHER

There is value in sharing perspectives about the weekend message in community. With dialogue around God’s truths, perspective broadens and impacts transformation.

1. What is something from this weekend's message that stood out to you? How so?
2. How would you describe the difference between **wrestling with God** and **fighting against God**?

TAKING IT HOME

In this week's text, Jesus spoke about honesty and called his followers to raise the bar on integrity. To fully grasp what Jesus was saying here, **first-century Middle Eastern context and culture needs to be understood**. The concept of honesty, swearing an oath, or making a solemn promise, was serious business in the time of Jesus.

3. Do you think people are more, or less, honest these days compared to previous decades?
4. What experience have you had of being treated dishonestly? How did it affect you?
5. Is there ever an occasion when telling the truth is unnecessary or not required?

In Jesus day people were misrepresenting the concept of an oath with **frivolous swearing**, in which language of the sacred used for the wrong purpose lost its significance. Also in the ludicrous legalism leading up to that time, some oaths were deemed binding, while others allowed for the wiggle room of **evasive swearing**.

6. Some people (Christians among them) use the name of "God" or "lord" as a figure of speech—and sometimes as an expletive. How appropriate is this?

WEEKLY REFLECTION

According to Jesus: a promise is a promise, and an oath is an oath. Whether in writing or by invoking the name of God, in the presence of a hundred witnesses or none, it does not matter. **For the man or woman who follows Jesus, their word is their bond.**

7. Why do you think Jesus says that sacred oaths are unnecessary for the Christian?
8. Below are 5 markers Pastor David mentioned for being a **Person Of Your Word**. In which area(s) do you most struggle? In which are you strongest?

Show up. Do the hard stuff. Be safe. Be selfless. Be real.

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- The Gospel - the Good News of Jesus - is that we are forgiven by God. Because we are forgiven, through the Spirit of God we have been given the power to forgive.
 - No forgiveness, no freedom.
 - In forgiveness, there is freedom. Freedom to love and be loved.