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New Message Series: “What Matters Most”

Today’s Talk: Straight Talk About Happiness

1 Corinthians 14:8

Ezra 9:1,3,5-9

Luke 6:46-49

What Matters Most

1. This Message For True Christ Followers

Luke 6:46-49

- 1) People were shocked, Jesus’ words about the Kingdom of God and religion turned their world upside down. **Jesus’ Words:** What Matter Most
- 2) **To Be A True Disciple:** Loving like Jesus loved, acting like Jesus acted, thinking like Jesus thought—in all of life’s situations.
- 3) **“Happiness”**- means “chance” or “luck”: “Happiness happens when what happens is something we want to happen.”
- 4) **“Joy”** - “a deep bedrock assurance that God is in control of all our happening’s and is using them for our good and His glory.” - Jeffress

2. The Be-Attitudes

Matthew 5:3-10

- 1) True Christianity is more than what we believe and what we do; it involves who we are: Christian means “Little Christ”.
- 2) The first 4 Beatitudes focus on our relationship to God, the second 4 on our relationship with one another.
- 3) The entire list deals with God’s Kingdom: rewards come out of each attitude—which requires us to submit to the Holy Spirit all the time.

Matthew 5:3,10

- 4) Jesus turns what we know about the world on its head—it is counterintuitive: “A Paradox: Truth standing on her head to draw attention.” - Chesterton

3. Straight Talk About Your Happiness

1) The Riches of Poverty

Matthew 5:3

⇒ **“Poor”** (GK: Ptochos) - to cower, to cringe, to crouch like a beggar.

Isaiah 64:6

Luke 18:9-14

2) The Comfort of Mourning

Matthew 5:4

Romans 7:21-25

Romans 6:11-14, 17,18

3) The Strength of Meekness

Matthew 5:5

⇒ **“Meekness”** - power under control, a wild animal now tamed.

Matthew 11:28, 29

Psalms 37:11