

SERMON NOTES

March 11 & 12, 2023

Am I the Problem? My Search

Temptations:

1. _____ my
_____.
Matthew 4:3

2. _____ my
_____. **Matthew 4:5**

3. Seek the _____
_____. **Matthew 4:9**

God's Response:

A. _____.
Psalm 46:10a

B. Be still and _____
_____. **Psalm 46:10a-b**

C. Be still and know that I am God. _____

_____. **Psalm 46:10**

Life Steps

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Monday

Matthew 6:33

Reflect: Explain in your own words what this life principle means. Consider the priorities and structure of your daily life, do you seek God first or fit God in when you can or need God's help? Explain.

Prayer: God, I can't make it through this day without you.

Tuesday

Matthew 4:23 | Mark 1:14-15 | Luke 9:1-2

Reflect: What was the Good News of the Kingdom Jesus was proclaiming? What is your response to Jesus' Kingdom Good News?

Prayer: God, I can't make it through this day without you.

Wednesday

Matthew 5:1-10

Reflect: How are these blessings counterintuitive to how the world thinks of blessings? How does the awareness of the Kingdom of God equip you to respond to the harsh realities of this world?

Prayer: God, I can't make it through this day without you.

Thursday

Matthew 5:39a, 44 | Matthew 6:13 | Matthew 7:1

Reflect: When it comes to discerning between coping with the tensions of good and evil, what does it look like to seek a Kingdom of God perspective?

Prayer: God, I can't make it through this day without you.

Friday

Matthew 5:21-26

Reflect: What is your customary reaction when the will of your little kingdom is thwarted? People who are seeking the Kingdom of God first are not angry free, but they learn to manage it differently. According to this passage, how so?

Prayer: God, I seek to do your will in all circumstances, even in those where my anger elevates. Help me Lord.

Saturday

Matthew 5:27-32

Reflect: In the Kingdom of God, it is the intent of creation to bring man and woman together in shalom, peace and harmony. The kingdoms of the world often push a husband and wife apart. What have you learned about marriage and relationships, from your own parents?

Prayer: God, I can't make it through this day without you.

Sunday

Matthew 4:1-11

Reflect: How does Jesus demonstrate seeking the Kingdom first before He ever teaches what life in the Kingdom looks like? As you consider what it means to seek first the Kingdom of God, what life adjustments are you going to make?

Prayer: God, I can't make it through this day without you.