

Sermon Notes: August 13, 2017

Seeking First God's Kingdom

Series: "Sermon on the Mount: True Worship"

Matthew 6:25-34 • Pastor Paul Bradford

- **If we could but see the power and love of our Heavenly Father, we would be worry-free.**
- **Prioritize pursuing an obedient and trusting relationship with God; he will take care of the rest.**

- **Our Response: Because God is all-powerful and all-loving, we can joyfully prioritize seeking his Kingdom, knowing he will provide all we need.**

- **Life Application**
 - Where in your life is God calling you to stop trying to control what you cannot control? Where is the Lord calling you to trust his sovereign power and unfailing love?
 - How can you prioritize seeking God's rule in your life this week? What most important things do you need to put first?

- **Scripture Meditation**
 - Read slowly through Matthew 6:25-34, taking time to pause and ponder. Repeat verses that are particularly meaningful to you. Then ask the Lord what he wants to say to you personally through the text. Write down in a journal what you feel the Lord speaks to your heart.
 - Read slowly through the following excerpt from Psalm 62. Follow the same rhythm as above – pondering, repeating, listening, and journaling. *Psalms 62: 5 Find rest, O my soul, in God alone; my hope comes from him. 6 He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will not be shaken... 11 One thing God has spoken, two things have I heard: that you, O God, are strong, 12 and that you, O Lord, are loving.*