When Jesus finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed, because He spoke as one who had authority, and not as one of their teachers of the law. And when He came down from the mountainside, large crowds followed Him.

When Jesus finished the Sermon on the Mount, the crowds were amazed. They were amazed at His teaching. They were amazed at His words. They were amazed at His wisdom. They were amazed at the invitation that He gave them. And they were amazed at who He was and they followed Him.

And over the last few months as we have gone through the Sermon on the Mount together and we have wrestled through it and unpacked it and opened it up and spoke it over your life, the only question that's left to ask is: "Are you amazed and are you following Him?"

Are you amazed? Are you amazed at Jesus' teaching? Are you amazed at His words? Are you amazed at His wisdom? Are you amazed at His invitation? Are you amazed by Him? And are you following Him? Because at some point in time, you have to decide whether or not you believe Jesus knows what He's talking about. You have to decide whether or not Jesus knows what is good and true and right. You have to decide whether or not Jesus knows what is good and beautiful and whether or not He has a grasp on reality and is worthy of your life's pursuit.

You see, I don't know about you, but this all has captivated me. It has captured me. It was about three years ago in the summer that I kind of got a hold of the Sermon on the Mount. And to say it better, the Sermon on the Mount got a hold of me and I memorized it and I meditated on it and I prayed it and I studied it and I wrestled through it and I pursued it and I tried to arrange my life around it and it started to change me from the inside out. My kids memorized it. Then my wife memorized it. Why? Because we wanted that to be the foundation and the anchor of our home. And it it's kind of taken over who we are as a people. It's gripped me. It's captivated me. Why? Because it is the greatest teaching that has ever happened from the greatest teacher, the greatest preacher, the greatest philosopher, the greatest person who has ever walked this earth. A good and beautiful God offering you a good and beautiful kingdom, giving you a good and beautiful heart, that you might live a good and beautiful life.

And that either captivates you or it doesn't. And Jesus knows this. This is why He ends the Sermon on the Mount by saying, "Therefore, everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall because it had its foundation on the rock." But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice ,is not amazed by them and has no interest in following them, "...whoever does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."

I love what Jesus tells us here. He basically says, "Hey, if if you hear My words and you're amazed by them, then then put them into practice. Then arrange your life around them. Order your life around them. Submit and surrender to them. Pursue them. Make it your life's cause to to arrange your life in such a way to do the things that Jesus said are not only probable, but are possible and are normative in this good and beautiful existence. And I love that He uses the word practice. He doesn't say perfect. He doesn't say you have to be perfect and get it right 100% of the time. He says, "No, practice, train, arrange, order, pursue your life with everything that you've got." And if you hear and start practicing these words, you will be like a wise man who built his house upon the Rock. Which means nothing above you, nothing below you, or nothing to the left or right of you will ever take you down because you are living the eternal kind of life both now and forever more.

But whoever hears these words and is not amazed by them and has no interest in arranging their life or ordering their life or submitting and surrendering to them or pursuing them with their life cause, is like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. And at some point in time when you least expect it, something from above you, something from below you, or something to the left or right of you will cause your life to come down with a great crash.

See, you have to decide whether or not you want to be a disciple of Jesus. It's what this all comes down to. This whole good and beautiful life conversation, it all comes down to, does Jesus know what is He talking about? And is He worth being a disciple of? A disciple – a learner, a student, a follower, one who becomes like the one they are following. And make no mistake about it, you're a disciple of someone or something. Someone or something has shaped you, formed you, mold you, made you. Someone or something defines reality for you, defines what is good and true and right, tells you what is good and beautiful. The only question is: Have you picked the right someone or something?

And following them, will it get you where you ultimately want to go? You see, if we pick Jesus as the one that we want to follow, He calls the crowd and the disciples and says to us all: "If anyone would come after Me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for Me and for the gospel will save it."

In other words, Jesus says, "Hey, that's great. If you want to be My disciple, then just understand you're going to have to give up your rights, your preferences, your opinions, your comforts, all the things that you think you're entitled to, all the ways you've been living your life. You're going to have to lay those down to follow Me. You will have to let go of the unhealthy and the broken, and I will give you the good and the beautiful. The only question is is: Do you want to do that? Are you amazed? And will you follow? That's the question that no one else in this room can answer for you, except you.

See we've talked all through this Sermon on the Mount, all the things that Jesus addresses. And and we've talked about change and how we can change. And and we've talked about, in a sense, that you don't change by direct effort, we change by indirect effort. That when Jesus addresses anger we don't get rid of anger by just saying I'm not going to be angry anymore. And we don't get rid of lust by just saying I'm not going to be lustful anymore. No, if you say that, you probably become more angry and more lustful. So, how do we change? We change by confessing and repenting, intending to change, and then doing the things that Jesus did. If you really want to change and live a good and beautiful life, then you have to confess and repent. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us from all our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. We have to confess. We have to come into agreement with God, that He knows what is good and true and right, and this is unhealthy and broken, and repent. Turn from the unhealthy and broken things towards the good and the beautiful, from the the the dead works of faith towards God. It's actually a repenting from our sins, turning to God that refreshing may come.

And then we have to intend to change. Which, what does that mean? That actually means I actually have to intend to become the kind of person Jesus says I can become. We've talked about how I think a lot of us want to be free of the consequence, but not free of the brokenness. That's not intent to change. You can't get free of lust by just saying I don't want the consequence. No, you have to say I don't want the brokenness of it in my life and so I intend to change and I'm going to do everything I can possibly do to change. Our problem is not that we don't know how. It's that we don't intend to actually do it.

We we talk a lot in church context. We don't know how. We need more handles. Help us understand it. We don't get it. The problem is not how. There is so much "how" out there for you. The problem is desire, intent, commitment. I am going to become the kind of person that Jesus talks about, whether it takes me the rest of my life or not. Intent to change.

And then you have to do the things that Jesus did, so you can do the things that Jesus did. You say, "What does that mean?" That means if I want to do what Jesus did on the spot, I have to do what Jesus did behind the scenes. If I want to do what Jesus did in public, I have to do what Jesus did in secret. If I want Jesus' health, I have to take on Jesus' habits. If I want Jesus' life, I have to take on His lifestyle. If I want to do the things that Jesus did, I have to do the things that Jesus did. Like the spiritual practices, the way He arranged and ordered His life – prayer, fasting, meditation, scripture, service, community, generosity. We spent a whole year two years ago talking about A Different Way and what that looks like. But it's actually what He's talking about here at the end of the Sermon on the Mount. Your life must become arranged differently and reordered because if you keep doing the things you've been doing, you'll keep getting the same results you've been getting. So if there's unhealthy, broken things in your life, then you have to rearrange some things. Because to follow Jesus is to get good and beautiful things, because He walks a good and beautiful way.

You see, we've used this little example and it's just been very helpful on how do people actually change? How do you actually change? Well, it's always the work of the Holy Spirit. It's the work of the Holy Spirit and through encounters and daily relationship. Through an encounter, an experience, a moment like right now, today. You can have an encounter with the spirit of the living God that marks you and forever leaves you changed. We believe that wholeheartedly, and go after that with everything that we've got. But we also get to walk in the Spirit every day and have relationship with Him where He is actively working in our life. And then as we start arranging our life around these things, He starts working through them.

Like God's Word. "Be transformed by the renewing of your mind." How does my mind get renewed? By God's Word. His Word is living and active, sharper than any double-edged sword. His Word will not return void, but will accomplish the purposes for which He sent it. His Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. His Word is like a fire that purifies and like a hammer that breaks the rock. And when I put the Word of God in my life, the Holy Spirit will use it to change me.

And then godly relationships, we need two or three people that we're learning about, talking about, and becoming like Jesus together. Where two or three are gathered, there I am. Also, He says, "As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another. He who walks with the wise becomes wise, but a companion of fools suffers harm. Spur one another on towards love and good deeds." Yeah, you need godly community in your life that the Holy Spirit will use to actually form and shape you into the image and likeness of Jesus.

Spiritual practices doing the things that Jesus did so we can do the things that Jesus did. This is why Scripture tells us, train yourself to be godly. It doesn't say try to be godly. Just so you're clear. It doesn't say try harder, do better, behave. No, it says train. Train to be godly. Listen, most of you in this room could not run a marathon today, but you could train for one. It means you could go and buy a pair of sneakers before you even get home and tomorrow put them on and walk to the mailbox and back. And the next day go for a walk around your block. And the day after that go around your block twice. And the day after that go for a one-mile walk. And the day after that go for a two-mile walk. Day after that, go for a one-mile run. And you would be amazed how fast you would actually be able to train yourself to do something you don't think you can do. That's what the spiritual practices do. They start arranging and ordering our lives to help us become the kind of person that can actually do the kinds of things that we were created and called to do. The life of Jesus flowing through us.

And then trials. As much as we hate those, God uses trials to shape and mold and form us into His image and likeness. Consider it pure joy, my brothers, when you face trials of many kind. These have come so that you might become mature, complete, lacking nothing. God works all things together for good for those who love Him. What Satan intended for harm, God's going to use for good. Do not be surprised by this trial that you're undergoing. These these have come so that your faith will be proved genuine.

And then time. Do not grow weary in doing what is good. For at the proper time you will reap a harvest if you do not give up. This is how we actually change. But the problem isn't how. The problem is intent. The problem is whether or not I believe Jesus knows what He's talking about and He is worthy of my entire life rearrangement to pursue Him and this reality with everything I've got. Because I'm amazed and it's captured me and I'm tired of good American Christianity and I'm tired of religion and I'm tired of going to church and going home and my life looks the same week after week, and month after month, and year after year. At what point in time do I decide I'm done? I'm going with Jesus. I'm I'm I'm done. I'm done with the unhealthy and the broken. I'm done with playing the game. I'm done with wearing the mask. I'm done.

So God, today I confess and repent. And today I intend with all my heart to come after You. And I'm going to start arranging and ordering my life different. In fact, Jesus says, "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field."

Can I tell you why so many of us never actually live the good and beautiful life? Because we never see Jesus as the treasure worthy of our life's pursuit. That's why. Because the moment Jesus is the treasure hidden in the field, I will sell everything else out with joy. It doesn't feel like a... When you see something that's a treasure, you go after it with all your heart. And it doesn't feel like a duty or an obligation or a responsibility or a burden. It feels like a privilege and a joy and and it it's who… Listen to me. Whoever has captured your heart leads your life. So if work has captured your heart, it leads your life. If that thing in this world has captured your heart, it leads your life. When Jesus captures your heart, He leads your life. Because I, in joy, will sell everything I have. And not you, black and white people that you're like, I have to, I mean I have to sell. No, it means though you're willing to change anything to be with Him because He is the treasure worthy of your life's pursuit.

Jesus' entire message was: "Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Change your mind. The good and beautiful life is at hand. Consider how you're living because a whole new reality has just showed up and it is here and it is available for you. It's within reach. And what happens is when we repent and take hold of the kingdom of heaven that is at hand, it is no longer at at hand. It is now within us. And we possess it. But it possesses us.

This is the message that we've been trying to talk about over these last few months. And I've done my best to try to present this to you in a way that is worthy of its profoundness. This may be my favorite thing that we have ever talked about. It's life changing. It's life changing. Where else would you go? What else would you do? How else will you change? What other kind of life than what Jesus lays out do you want?

Are you amazed? Are you amazed? Or is this just another sermon series, at another church, on another Sunday in your life? That's just a really sad way to live for decades. You see, maybe my

favorite thing about the Sermon on the Mount, when you step back and look at its entirety, is it is not dependent upon anyone or anything. It's unconditional. It has no dependencies. You say, "What does that mean?" I am convinced most of us believe a good and beautiful life is possible if… Or a good and beautiful life is possible when… Yeah. A good and beautiful life. Oh yeah, I'll have one when I get married and I'm not single anymore. A good and beautiful life. Yeah, when my spouse changes and stops behaving like they're behaving, then I can have a good and beautiful life. Oh, when we have kids, then we'll have a good and beautiful life. Oh, when the kids leave the house and we're empty nesters, then we will have a good and beautiful life. When I get that job, then it'll be a good and beautiful life. When we make more money, then it'll be a good and beautiful life. Oh, when the situation changes, when the circumstance changes, oh, when the storm stops, oh, when my life is exactly as I want it to be, then it will be a good and beautiful life.

The only problem with that is when you actually read the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus doesn't give you one condition or one dependency that relies upon anyone or anything out here. Not one. Read it. Oh, you know how many times I said to you in this series, that might be something to think about. I don't know that you thought about any of them, but this might be something to think about. He doesn't say, "Hey, stop being angry when everyone does what you want." He doesn't say, "It's okay. Stop being lustful when you get married." He He doesn't say, "Hey, hey, stop loving money when you feel like you have enough. Until then, it's okay, but when you feel like you have enough, then then then stop." He doesn't say don't worry when, until the storm stops. When the storm stops then it's okay then stop. What?

There's not a single condition. There's not a single dependency. You know what the condition and the dependency is? Your heart. Why? Because He's brought the kingdom of heaven. It is at hand. It is available. It is within reach. And it is not dependent upon anyone or anything else. This is the repentance that Jesus is actually talking about – changing my mind. Because so many of you, if I sat down and had coffee with you, you would tell me a good and beautiful life would be possible if my marriage was better. If I had a marriage, if my kids were like this, if we had more money, if we weren't sick, if the situation changed… Jesus doesn't say that. And that's what makes it so profound. What He says is your life will be built on a rock. And even though the rains come, and even though the streams rise, and even though the winds will blow and beat against your house, you will still have a good and beautiful life because it is not out there. It's in here.

Isn't it interesting that so much of Scripture talks about doing things with all our heart? Love the Lord your God with all your heart. Trust in the Lord with all your heart. You will seek Me and find Me when you seek Me with all your heart. Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart. Yeah. Here's what's really interesting. I think we know what life is like when we do it with some of our heart. What would it be like to pursue a good and beautiful life with all your heart?

That's what intent is. That there's no better way to live than what Jesus has just laid out. So, I will spend however many years it takes to pursue that with everything I've got to become the kind of person that He says I was created to be. And it's not only possible, but is normative. And so, all I've tried to do in this whole thing, we're not, I'm not trying to get you to do anything. I'm not trying to get you to behave a certain way. I'm not trying to get you to respond to anything.

Here's what we've tried to do. "But we all, with unveiled faces, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord."

All I've been trying to help you do is look at a good and beautiful Jesus. Because if you'll just behold Him and you will see Him and change your thinking about who He is, you start to become like Him from glory to glory, from good to beautiful, from beautiful to good by the Spirit of the living God, who is at work shaping and molding your desire, your intent, your willingness, into the image and likeness of Jesus. It is the ultimate invitation because there is no try harder, behave better, do more. There is simply an invitation to submit and surrender and receive that which Jesus offers.

If you're new and you're like, "That was a lot. You didn't even say welcome." I know. You should have been here the first week where I just recited the Sermon on the Mount to you. These things might be things worth thinking about.

And so, here's how I want us to end this conversation. Because I wanted to do the Sermon on the Mount for about a year. Unfortunately, the calendar only gave me about two and a half months. What I want us to do is I want to pray for you. Then we're going to take communion together. But I'm going to give you an invitation to really take a hold of the kingdom that is at hand. And so what I mean by that is simply this. We're going to go through each of the things that Jesus talks about. And I'm going to give you an invitation. Whatever campus you're at or wherever you are in the world, online, to… when we get to the one, or multiples, that really the Lord is speaking to you about, I'm going to invite you to, by faith, stand up. And yeah, it's going to take some courage. And yeah, it's going to take some faith. And yeah, it's going to take some humility. But isn't that what intent is?

It takes faith to please God. Faith is being sure of what I hope for, certain of what I do not see. God opposes the proud, but He gives grace to the humble. And so, if there's something in your heart that is unhealthy and broken, and you're like, I don't want this. I want the good and beautiful life. I'm going to give you the opportunity to stand up. And then everyone that's around you is going to lay hands on you. And we're going to go through all of them. And the prayer will only be about a minute. This isn't out or exposed. No one's even looking at you. We're giving you an opportunity to take a hold of the kingdom of heaven that is at hand so that it might be within you and that you might possess it and it might possess you.

And so it's going to take faith. It's going to take humility. But here's what's going to happen. I will tell you what it is. If you want to, by faith, stand up, people will then lay hands on you. I will pray over you for about a minute. Everyone else will join in prayer with me. And God's going to do something profound in your life. The kingdom of heaven is gonna come into that area. If you don't want to do it, you don't have to do it. But church, anyone that's standing up around you, I want you to, when I tell you, just literally stand up around them and lay hands on them. Because they are saying, "I want the good and beautiful life that Jesus offers." And we are agreeing with them, in faith, that His kingdom will come and His will will be done. Okay?

So, if you want to be free, and we're going in the order that Jesus goes in because that's how we find freedom. If you want to be free from anger, I want to invite you to stand up. If there's anger in your heart, if there's this rage, this sense of of control, this sense of ahh. I want to invite you to, by faith, stand up. Okay, church, somebody's around you that stood up. I want you to stand up. I want you to lay hands on them.

And so Jesus, I just thank you for every person that just stood up. I thank you for the courage and the faith and the humility that it just took. And right now, I declare that these will be the most surrendered people to the kingdom of God in our church. God, I pray that right now that You would give them a gentle and humble heart. I pray Lord that the call of their life, that the cry of their heart, will literally be "not my will, but Yours be done." I pray that every place where they feel like they need to control, every place where they are afraid, I pray that You would come and move into those spaces. That they haven't been given a spirit of fear, but of power, love, and a sound mind. I pray right now that they would feel healing oil over every part of their heart that is hard and angry. We bind the spirit of rage. We cast it out in Jesus' name. And we loose the love of God to fill and overflow their life in every way, shape, and form. May they have a gentle and humble heart like Jesus. And may they go further up and further in, into this good and beautiful kingdom and live a good and beautiful life, in Jesus' name. Amen. Okay, go ahead, grab your seat.

Okay, if you want to be free from lust, if there's lust of any kind in your heart and you're just like, I just don't want this unhealthy brokenness in my life. I want you to stand up. Whatever campus you're at, by faith, there's just something in there and you know "this is me, I need to do it. This is my step of breakthrough." I want to invite you to just stand up. Okay, church. If there's anybody around you, lay hands on them. Come on. In Jesus' name.

God, I celebrate every person that just had the faith and the humility to stand up. I pray that You would respond to, by Your goodness and Your grace to their honesty, to their humbleness, to their brokenness. God, I pray that these people would become the most loving people in our church. That they would be people who don't use others for their good, but they give their life away for the good of others and the glory of God. I pray for every person who just stood up that they would have profound intimacy with You, Lord. That they would have communion

and union, and this deep oneness with You. That every desire that they have would be met and satisfied in You, and You alone. And I prophesy a profound secret place life, with You over them, because what they long for in their heart is intimacy with You. So Jesus, we are believing for healing, breakthrough, setting free, being made whole and delivered in Jesus' name. May they go further up and further in, into Your good and beautiful kingdom and live a good and beautiful life, in Jesus' name. Amen. Go ahead, grab your seat.

Okay. Lying, lying, manipulation, using your words to get what you want, I want to invite you to stand up. If that's you and you know that's something you struggle with and that's in your heart and you don't want it in there, I want you to, by faith, at every campus, stand up. You're like, "This is for me." Okay, church, you know what to do. If somebody's around you, go ahead. You can move. Lay hands on them. Jesus, I thank you for every person that just had the faith to stand up. I believe that right now You're honoring that faith with breakthrough. And I declare that these will not be people who struggle with using their words for their good, but that these will become the greatest prophets in our church. That these people will be prophetic people who use their words to build, to strengthen, to lift up, to to to tear down and overthrow darkness, and release forth the very words and life of God. I pray that these will be people who walk in the light as You are in the light. that they will know the truth and that truth will set them free, but that those words that they have will be used to set other people free. I pray that they won't feel the need to control or make things happen or hold it all together, but that they will speak forth the very life-giving words of God to create the future that doesn't exist in Jesus' name. God, may they go further up and further in, into Your good and beautiful kingdom and live a good and beautiful life, in Jesus' name. Amen. Go ahead, grab your seat.

You see how this is working? God's moving in this. Good job moving around. Okay, vengeance. If you've got vengeance in your heart, bitterness, unforgiveness, you've got the sense of resentment towards other people, I want you to stand up. I want you to stand up to be like, "No, no more. No more. After today, no more. This root of bitterness, this root of vengeance, it's… I'm I'm done with it." Okay, church, you know what to do. If someone's around you, come on, let's lay hands on them. Let's agree in faith.

Jesus, I just pray that every person who just stood up would become the most forgiving people in our church. That You would replace the vengeance and the bitterness and the resentment with the forgiveness of God. I pray that they would know how much they have been forgiven. That You have forgiven their sins and remember their wickedness no more. As far as the east is from the west, so far have You removed their transgressions from them. God, he who has been forgiven much, loves much. So I pray that they would have a revelation of how much You have forgiven them and that would release the Spirit of love in their life. I pray right now that that root of bitterness would be unroot… uh uh uprooted. Can you even feel it right now? If that's you, let it go. Partner with God. Say, "God, I release it. I let it go." Let Him take that root of bitterness out of your life and replace it with the root of love, the root of

compassion, the root of grace, the root of forgiveness. There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, which means He's not condemning you, and He's also not condemning them. And so right now, every person that just stood up, I just I just believe, so that right now is your moment of healing. That that wound, that pain, that brokenness, that unjustice that was done to you, that has caused you to live with a root of bitterness and offense, unforgiveness for years. Right now, Jesus is softening and healing your heart. I just see a jar of warm oil being poured over your heart, healing every place where you have been broken and wounded. And not only are you healed in Jesus' name, you have become now a grace giver in the kingdom of God. So may they go further up and further in, into Your good and beautiful kingdom and live a good and beautiful life, in Jesus' name. Go ahead and grab your seat.

Okay. Pride. Pride. Vain glory. People pleasing. I I do things so other people see who I am and what I do. I I get my worth or my value from what other people think about me. If pride is your struggle, people pleasing – I want you to stand up. It takes faith to be honest, but that's where the breakthrough comes. Okay, church, you know what to do. Come on. In Jesus' name, we just pray for every person who just stood up.

God, I just declare that every person who stood up will become the most humble people in our church. That they won't live for the approval of man. That they won't care what anyone thinks about them, because they know what You think about them. So God, I pray right now in their inner man, in their soul, in their spirit, they would hear You say, "This is My beloved son or daughter in whom I am well pleased." I pray that they would long for Your voice, and Your voice alone. That they would long to hear You say, "Well done, good and faithful servant. Come and share in your Master's happiness." I pray that these people would live like Jesus, only going where they see the Father going, doing what they see the Father doing, hearing and saying what they hear the Father saying. God, I pray that they would hear You singing over them, rejoicing over them right now, in Jesus' name. We say the orphan spirit must be cast out and the spirit of sonship be brought in. We pray that the spirit of adoption that has brought them into the family of God says there is no more performance, no more earning, no more striving. I don't have to become, because I already am. God, I just release a humility over their life where they don't have to be right and they don't have to prove and they don't have to perform because they know who they are in You. May they go further up and further in, into Your good and beautiful kingdom and live a good and beautiful life, in Jesus' name. Go ahead, grab your seat.

Okay, couple more. Just like Jesus did in the order in this matters. Okay, the love of money, the spirit of Mammon. You treasure the things of this world more than you treasure God. I want you to stand up as an act of holy defiance against the spirit of Mammon that wants to steal, kill, and destroy your life. If that's you, I want you to stand up at whatever campus you're at. If you're around them, church, you know what to do. Come on, put your hands on them.

Jesus, I thank You for every person that just stood up as an act of holy defiance against the spirit of Mammon, one of the powers and principalities that rules in the area that we live, in Jesus' name. Right now, I declare freedom. I declare healing. I declare breakthrough. I declare it must go. I declare that throne now belongs to Jesus, and only Jesus. I declare that there is no more love of money in their life, but there is devotion to the kingdom of God. I pray that these would become the most generous people in our church. Why? Because they are no longer enslaved to the darkness that wants to steal, kill, and destroy, but they've been set free by the power of the cross of Jesus Christ. God, I pray that You will meet all their needs according to the glorious riches that are in Christ. I pray that whether they have a little or they have a lot, they will not put their trust in riches and wealth, which are so deceitful and fleeting, but that they will enter through the narrow gate that leads to a widening life. You tell us how hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of heaven. And yet, even though it is impossible with man, it is possible with God. So, right now, picture yourself going through the eye of a needle. You are literally entering into the kingdom of God because you had the faith to stand up against the spirit of Mammon and say it's unhealthy and broken and I want that which is good and beautiful, in Jesus' name. I believe that those of you that just stood up for this one, you just broke generational curses running down your family. That you are not passing on this spirit that has been passed on to you. You are breaking it. You are sending him away. The throne of Jesus now is what you're going to be passing on to your children and your children's children as some of the most generous people that any of us will have ever met. May they go further up and further in, into the good and beautiful kingdom, and live a good and beautiful life, in Jesus' name. Grab your seat.

Okay. Worry. Jesus then goes on and He talks about worry. Maybe everybody's going to stand up for worry, I don't know. If that's you, just maybe go like this with the person next to you. We'll all just, we'll all pray for worry together. Shalom. Shalom. In Jesus' name. Shalom. Can you just breathe it in and receive the peace that surpasses understanding? That the kingdom of God is a perfectly safe place to be. It is the only safe place to be.

And so Jesus, we speak to the storm in the soul just like You spoke to the storm in the boat. And we say, "Peace. Be still." I just see the snow globe of your soul settling. Because even though the storm rages out there, the good and beautiful life rules and reigns in here. In this world, you will have trouble. But take heart for Jesus has overcome the world. In Jesus' name, shalom. Further up and further in, into the kingdom that is good and beautiful. And may you live a good, beautiful life. Go ahead, grab your seat.

Judgement. If you find yourself critical, condemning, judging, always thinking down on other people, always having something to say, always having to be right. Come on. I want you to stand up. So easy to be judgemental, to have this religious flavor in our life. I want you to stand up. Okay, church, you know what to do. If you're around, grab them. I just pray right now, Jesus, that every person that just stood up would become the most gracious people in this church. In Jesus' name, may judgement go and may compassion come. God, we are so

often judgemental because we believe You're judging us or we are judging ourselves. We love our neighbor as ourselves. So if there's judgement in my life, it means I believe You're judging me or I'm judging myself. So right now, I pray that the spirit of judgement would be cast out of their life. I pray that there would be this grace and this compassion and this mercy. I I just see people that stood up. They are exhausted because they are always trying to be right and always trying to get it perfect and always thinking everyone else is wrong because inside they think they're wrong. And so right now God, I pray, I pray just like the woman caught in adultery when all those people were holding stones and You ran them off and You said to her, "Is there no one left to condemn you?"
And she said, "No one, sir."
"Then neither do I condemn you."

I just pray right now that every stone that these people throw against themselves would fall to the ground and that the gift of no condemnation would be released in their life. And I pray that they would no longer feel the need to judge others because they understand that You are not judging them. Jesus was judged on the cross so that they could be set free. So I release compassion. I release grace. I release love. I release eyes of mercy. I believe that these people are going to be burden bearers. That they are going to literally see brokenness in people's lives and instead of judging it and shaming it, they will be like the good Samaritan and they will get right in the mess and pick those people up and carry them to where You want them to go. I believe for a profound breakthrough. No more religious spirit of saying one thing, but having an internal heart in a different way. May the inside of the cup be clean that the outside of the cup may also be clean. May they go further up and further in, into Your good and beautiful kingdom, and live a good and beautiful life, in Jesus' name. Okay, grab your seat.

One more. One more. The narrow road. Now, now don't all stand up like like I really want you to think about this one. The narrow road. You want to live a set apart life. You want to live a life of holiness, radical holiness, like actually the things that Jesus did and said, if you're like, I really want that kind of holiness and fear of the Lord in my life, I want you to stand up. And here's all I want you to do. I don't even want anybody to lay hands on you. I just literally, I want you to lift your hands like you're taking a hold of the kingdom that is at hand.

And so Lord, I pray for every person that just stood up right now. May they be marked by the Spirit of holiness. May every place where the yeast of this world has gotten into their life, by the grace of Jesus, may it be removed and thrown out and trampled upon. I pray that there would be a radical holiness. That they would be holy as You are holy. Not out of effort or trying or rules or regulations, but out of the grace of God. May their roots be good that their fruit is good. I pray for holy words, holy eyes, holy ears, holy hands, holy feet, holy bodies, offering their bodies as living sacrifices to You, and only You. Holy hearts, holy spirits, holy in every way. And I pray, I release this this sense of the fear of the Lord over their life. This sense of awe and wonder, this sense of reverence, this sense of I am amazed. He is the Lord and I am not. I pray that these people that just stood up would have the greatest fear of the Lord of anyone in

their life. And that when they get around anyone, there is a gravity because they carry a glory, because they see You for who You really are, and live in agreement and alignment with that. May they go further up and further in, into the good and beautiful kingdom and live a good and beautiful life. Would you go ahead and grab your seat?

By faith receive it. By faith believe it. Jesus tells us to pray. His kingdom come. His will be done in your heart as it is in heaven. The good and beautiful heaven just invaded the unhealthy and broken parts of our life. So now by faith, renew your mind to that. Renew your mind. Repent. Think differently. The kingdom of heaven was not just at hand. It was at hand, but you just took a hold of it and it is now within. And now you not only possess it, it will possess you. Oh, may it possess you.

And so here's how we want to close. We're going to take communion together to seal it, to receive it. So at all our campuses, our teams are going to start passing it out. And our team wrote this really beautiful song that I just think really captures a lot of what we're talking about. That we plant, we water, but only God makes it grow. And as you get the elements, the broken body and the shed blood of Jesus, I just want you to hold it. Sit there and just let this song wash over your heart, hear the words, listen to the Spirit, and let the good and beautiful Jesus make good and beautiful things grow in your life, in His name.

[music and singing] I contend the pastures of my heart, stirring up the soil of my soul. Taking every word He gave to me and buried deep the truth in every seed. You can be the gardener of this plant and water. There's a time to reap and there's a time to sow. But only You can make it grow. Only You can make it grow.

[music and singing] Blessings often start in humble form. Roots grow deep in wind and heavy storms. Pruning gives exposure to the light. And trims away the parts I want to hide. Obedience is progress. I will trust Your process in the summer breeze or winter snow. Only You can make it grow. Only You can make it grow. Only You can make it grow. Only You can make it grow. Oh, You can make it grow.

[music and singing] Love in the valley. Sure like a child. Peace in a hurricane. Patience in the wild. Kindness in chaos. Goodness in grief, faith in the heaviness, gentle and free. Oh, love in the valley, joy like a child, peace in a hurricane, patience in the wild, kindness in chaos, goodness in grief, faith in the heaviness, gentle and free. Love in the valley, joy like a child, peace in a hurricane, patience in the wild. Kindness in chaos, goodness in grief, faith in the heaviness, gentle and free. Self control and I let go. And only You can make it grow. Only You can make it. Only You can make it grow. Only You can make it grow. Jesus, You can make it grow. Jesus, You can make it grow. Only You can make it grow.

In Jesus' name. In Jesus' name. May the truths and the invitation contained in the Sermon on the Mount that we've been trying to plant and water – Oh, may He make it grow. May He make it grow. May He make it grow.

You see, communion, one of the reasons that we actually take it. It reminds us that the life of Christ is not out here. It's in here. Been included in Christ. I've been crucified with Christ. I abide in Christ. The kingdom of heaven is within me. Which means the good and beautiful life is not out there. The good and beautiful life is now in here. And it doesn't matter how unhealthy and broken this world may be. Because when your life is built on the Rock, there is no rain or stream or wind that can ever take what Jesus offers you in here.

On the night the Lord Jesus was betrayed, He took the bread and He broke it and He said, "This is my body which will be broken for you. As often as you do this, do this in remembrance of Me." Can you receive the good and beautiful body of Jesus that offers you a good and beautiful life by faith? And in the same way after the supper Jesus took the cup. It's the cup of the new covenant. It's the cup of grace that will empower you to live a life of truth. This is My blood which is going to be poured out for you to set you free. My kingdom is now available and at hand to anyone and everyone who wants it. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for the kingdom of heaven will now always be available and accessible to them. As often as you do this, do this in remembrance of Me.

So can you by faith receive the blessed life? The life of the kingdom of God, the life of the person and the work of Jesus Christ, the good and beautiful reality that changes you from the inside out giving you a new heart and a new life and a new kingdom. I just declare over your life, you have been rescued from the dominion of darkness and brought into the kingdom that is good and beautiful. May this remind you that that is forever and always true. You receive by faith.

So Jesus, I'm so grateful for these last few months. I'm so grateful for the Sermon on the Mount and the message that You offer. I believe this is a sacred moment and a sacred season. May you come out of this amazed and following Him just like the crowds did when they first heard it.

If you're here and you know you should have stood up for one of those things that we prayed for and for whatever reason you didn't, here's the grace of God for you. Come up to the front after service and let somebody pray for you. I think that's a word from the Lord for somebody. You're like, I should have and I didn't and, now right now. It's not… the grace of God. You didn't miss anything. It's still right here. Don't leave today without coming up and acknowledging and saying, "I want that in my life."

For those of you that want to give, you can give at the boxes at the doors or online during the week. But may you go and respond to Jesus' great invitation to live a good and beautiful life. I love you, in Jesus' name.