New Song Notes, Pastor Herb Shaffer

Practical Ways to Live Love with People

September 27, 2020 The Rest of the Sermon on the Mount, part 4

September Memory Scripture

Ephesians 2:8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, **Ephesians 2:8 (ESV)**

Living the Right-Side Up Life means we live

- √ repenting constantly
- √ the character and conduct of Jesus
- ✓ our identity as salt and light
- √ SLO lifestyle: Surrender, Listen, Obey
- ✓ FFF obedience: Focus on Jesus, Filter thru Jesus, Fight behind Jesus
- ✓ in the Holy Spirit power

A new insight... Matt. 5:45-48 is restatement of Jesus' previous teaching.

Some perspective and reality checks

- ➤ Following Jesus is not for wimps! Matthew 5:21, 27, 31-32, 33, 38-39a, 43-44
- → Following Jesus RSU means we do these hard things to be like Him Matthew 5:45a (ESV) so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven.
 - It is following Jesus so that lost people see Him in us and through us
- → Following Jesus RSU means we live for Him and His purposes Luke 19:10 (ESV) For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

It's not about you!

→ Following Jesus RSU means we experience the rewards of His Kingdom

God is all about you when you are all about Him & His purposes!

- eternal life that brings unimaginable pleasure
- abundant life while on earth that brings true satisfaction

Matthew 5:33-37 (ESV)

Matters of Honesty in Jesus' RSU Kingdom

CORE QUESTION: How do we live as salt and light as followers of Jesus and citizens of the RSU Kingdom?

Is it possible you have adopted cultural standards in this area?

1. A matter of honoring God.

Matthew 5:33–37 (ESV)

Exodus 20:7 (**ESV**) ⁷"You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

2. A matter of Trusting God.

Matthew 6:33 (ESV) But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

1 Peter 4:16 (ESV) Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name.

3. A matter of Representing Christ.

1 Peter 2:9-12

4. A matter of Good Relationships.

Matthew 7:12 (ESV) "So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

What do we do with this?

- What stuck out to you?
- What is God saying about what stuck out?
- What do you need to do in response?

Ps. 103:1-8 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! ²Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, ³who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, ⁴who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, ⁵who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. ⁶The Lord works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed. ⁷He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel. ⁸The Lord is merciful & gracious, slow to anger & abounding in steadfast love **Psalm 103:9-16** ⁹He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. ¹⁰He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. ¹¹For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; ¹²as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. ¹³As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him. ¹⁴For he knows our frame; he remembers

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that we are dust. ¹⁵As for man, his days are like grass; he flourishes like a flower of the field; ¹⁶for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more.

Today

✓ Bibles available to use with the sermon.

This Week

- ✓ Complete and return the email survey from New Song.
- ✓ <u>From Where God Sits</u> episodes, 12:11pm on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from Pastor Herb's Facebook page.
- ✓ Wednesday, 9am—noon, Ladies' Bible Study in the Park. Bring Bible, pen and paper to study Zechariah. See Nancy Seman for more info.
- ✓ Thursday, 7pm Weekly Bible Study through Pastor Herb's Facebook page. Currently it is focused on what spiritual battles look like in everyday life. This week is a study of Joshua 5-6.
- ✓ Friday Women's Bible Study, 10am. Current study: the Holy Spirit. Contact Debbie Mazzeo for a study book and Susan Katreeb for more information.

Looking Ahead

- ✓ Oct. 10, 9am 3pm Clean up and Clean Out Day.
- \checkmark Live streaming of worship services will continue for the foreseeable future.
- ✓ New Song FB Live link: https://www.facebook.com/NewSongPittsburgh/.
- ✓ New Song YouTube Channel Sunday sermons, Thursday Bible Studies & Pastor Herb's daily 12:11pm From Where God Sits episodes: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGj3cRY-AnOkv1AetkqDMMw

Regular Offering	Projected Budget	Family Assistance	Children of Promise
9/20/2020 \$ 2,938.14	\$ 2,821.63	9/20/2020 \$ 30.00	9/20/2020 \$ 0.00
To Date \$ 103,102.84	\$ 107,222.12	Balance \$ 2,882.16	Month Total \$ 7.50
Experiencing More Building Fund Campaign			
	Actual Giving	Weekly Pledged	Friends of New Song
9/20/2020	\$ 411.48	\$ 543.59	\$ 0.00
76 weeks	\$ 29,946.74	\$ 41,312.82	\$ 3,000.00
So you can receive credit for your giving, please print your name & amount on the offering envelope.			



New Song Community Church

Living Right-Side Up in 2020

- **+** S.L.O. Lifestyle with God Together
 Surrender **→** Listen **→** Obey ... *together*
- **+ Soldier-like Friendships**"Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another." Proverbs. 27:17
- **+** Salty Presence "Beyond the Walls" Making people thirsty for Jesus