YOU'VE HEARD IT SAID Pt 2 "Where We Find Value"

The Context for the Sermon on the Mount

Repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is here (Matthew 4:17).

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What Jesus is fulfilling something that will free us to accomplish His will.

Something to consider: The Law is insufficient to govern human societies.

Matthew 5:21-22 NIV

21 "You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'You shall not murder, e and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.' 22 But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister, will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, 'Raca,' is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell.

Matthew 5:27-30 NIV

27 "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' j 28 But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. 29 If your right eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. 30 And if your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell.

THE LIST

- o Anger
- O CONTEMPT
- O LUST
- **o** SLIPPERY
- **O KNEE-JERK JUSTICE**

VALUES

- Valuing CHARACTER-- freedom from the Safety of being Shallow
- Valuing AUTHENTICITY-- freedom from concealing and calculating (playing games)
- Valuing GENEROSITY-- freedom from Hoarding and Worry.
- Valuing RECONCILIATION-- freedom from Revenge & preserving our rights.

The foundation of Belonging & Provision give us the freedom to pursue this way of life.

REVIEW-ish

- His fulfillment makes reconciliation available.
- Our faith accomplishes this.

FAITH

Faith is TRUST that is WILLING to take a step.

Something is fulfilled and something is accomplished.

FULFILLS

What fulfills the Law: Jesus or the way of Jesus?

In this way we experience a kind of community comprised of a kind of people.

The Expectations of the Promised Renewal

This was familiar to those longing for the coming Messiah.

Ezekiel 36:26-27 NIV

26 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. 27 And *I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow* my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.

Jeremiah 31:33-34 NIV

33 "This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time," declares the Lord.
"I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts.
I will be their God, and they will be my people.
34 No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, 'Know the Lord,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest," declares the Lord.

LIFE WITH GOD

Our Relationship with Jesus is the formative force in our lives.