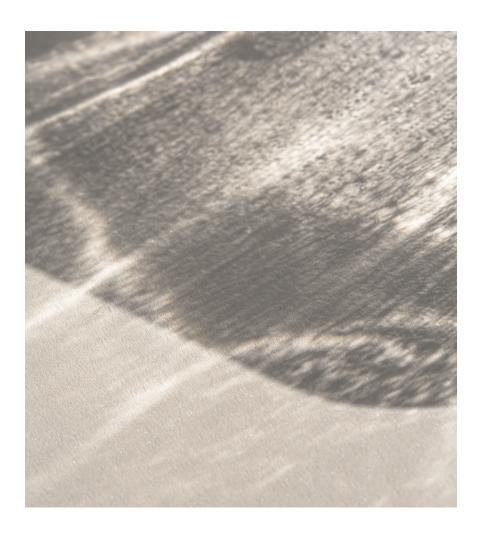


DEVOTIONAL

WEEK FOUR: AN INTRODUCTION



MATTHEW 6:19-24

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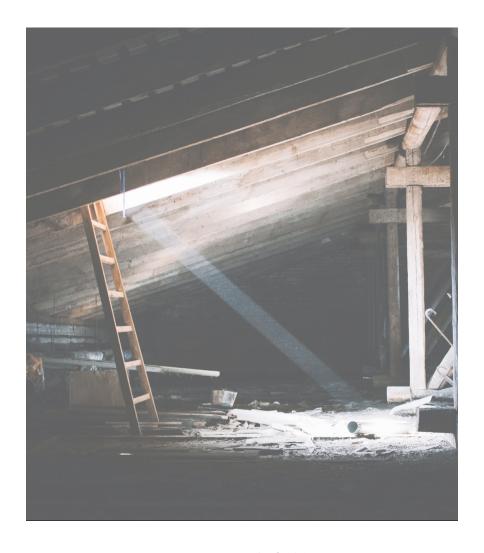
Take a moment and reflect on the sermon from Sunday, November 5, 2023. You can watch or listen to it at cornerstoneboulder.org/sermons (select the fourth message in the Heart & Soul series). Read through Matthew 6:19-24 a few times and allow the words to wash over you as you close out your day.

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MATTHEW 6:19-24

DAY ONE



MATTHEW 6:19-24

UNVEILING MOTIVES



There is a spiritual connection between the treasures we seek and the state of our heart. Jesus teaches in The Sermon On The Mount that our actions reveal a deeper motivation. His words unveil a path that leads to transformation and freedom. Underneath the pursuit of treasures like wealth and status hides a deeper core longing for security and significance. When these God given desires are placed in earthy treasures, they can easily be lost. Our lives orbit around anxiety and ambition, trying to satisfy ourselves with things that simply will never satisfy. This steals our peace and joy, causing us to live from a place of scarcity.

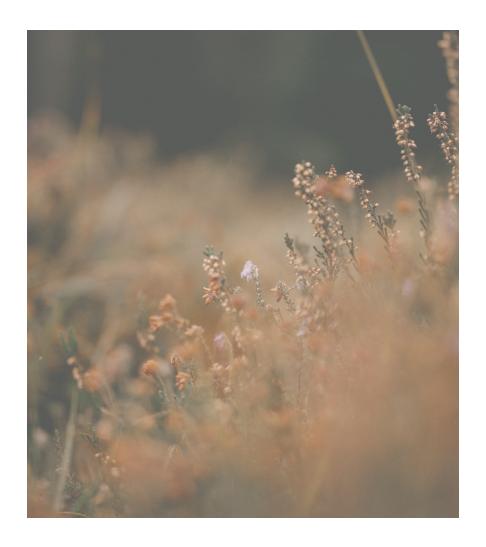


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Yet Jesus provides a better way.

He invites His followers to an abundant life where the core longings of security and significance are rooted in His unshakable presence, power, truth, and love. As these are firmly established in our hearts, treasures that have eternal value flow from our lives. Anxiety and ambition subside, allowing peace and joy to take their place. As our hearts are filled to overflow, we become distributors of heaven's treasure which can not be lost, stolen, or destroyed.

DAY TWO



MATTHEW 6:19-24

ASK

Read the section from this week's passages slowly a few times.

'Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal.'

Why does Jesus instruct us to not store up earthly treasures?

In a moment of quiet, ask The Holy Spirit to help show you the "treasures" you seek and store up.

Prayerfully tell The Lord why you pursue these treasures.

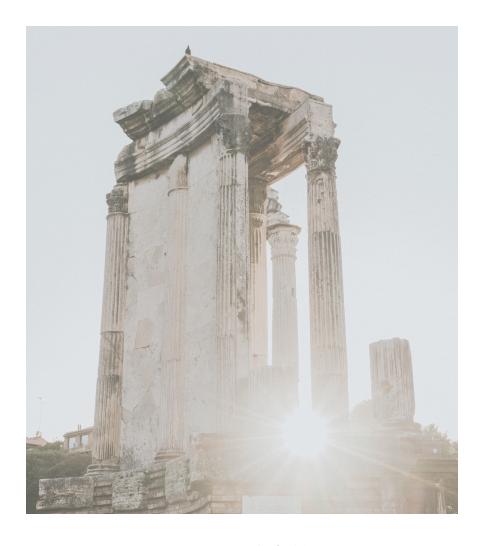


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MATTHEW 6:19-24

DAY THREE



MATTHEW 6:19-24

EXPLORE

Read the section from this week's passages slowly a few times.

'But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.'

Why does Jesus instruct us to store up heavenly treasures?

What types of treasures can be stored up in heaven?

In a moment of quiet, ask the Holy Spirit to help you pursue these types of treasure today. BUT STORE UP FOR YOURSELVES TREASURES IN HEAVEN, WHERE MOTHS AND VERMIN DO NOT DESTROY, AND WHERE THIEVES DO NOT BREAK IN AND STEAL.



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DAY FOUR



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REVEAL

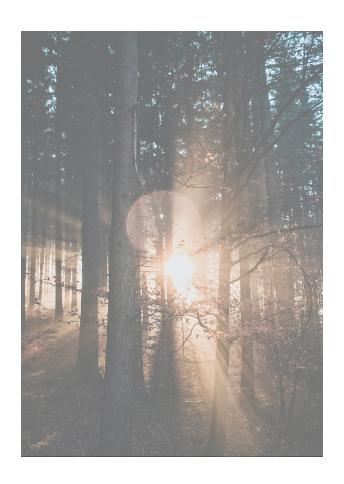
Read the section from this week's passages slowly a few times.

'For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.'

In a moment of quiet, ask the Holy Spirit to help reveal to you one "treasure" you seek. (this may be an earthly or heavenly treasure. Allow Him to bring something to your mind and heart.)

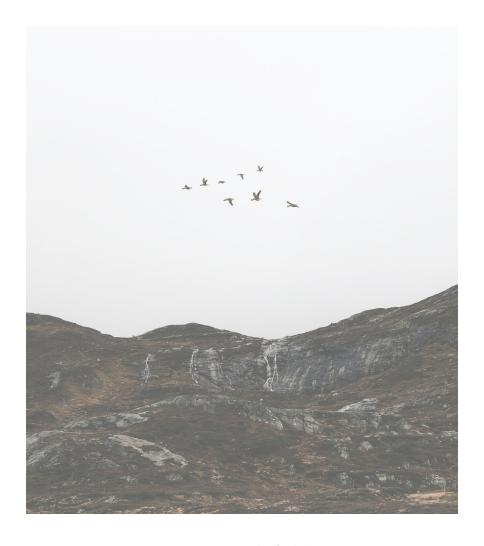
What does this treasure reveal about your heart's deepest desire?

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MATTHEW 6:19-24

DAY FIVE



MATTHEW 6:19-24

SECURITY

Read this section from this week's passage slowly a few times.

'For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.'

In a moment of quiet, ask the Holy Spirit to help you see ways you pursue things like money, status or even relationships to find security and significance.

As things come to mind, prayerfully tell Jesus why you pursue these things. Tell him what this pursuit has cost you (maybe it has caused you to have a lack of peace, seasons of anxiety or frustration).

Ask Him to meet you in this place.

After a few moments of silence,
ask Jesus to help you know and
experience His unshakable security
and significance.

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DAY SIX

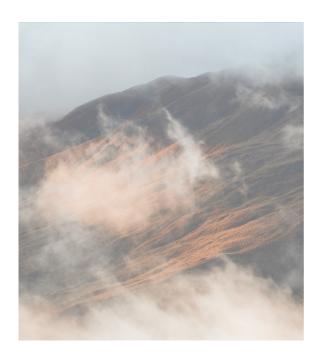


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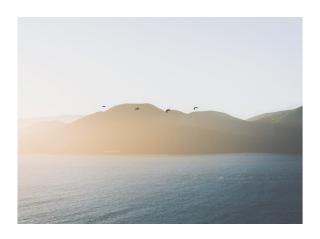
Slowly read this weeks passage and read Ephesians 3:16-19

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I PRAY THAT OUT OF HIS GLORIOUS RICHES HE MAY STRENGTHEN YOU WITH POWER THROUGH HIS SPIRIT IN YOUR INNER BEING, SO THAT CHRIST MAY DWELL IN YOUR HEARTS THROUGH FAITH. AND I PRAY THAT YOU, BEING ROOTED AND ESTABLISHED IN LOVE, MAY HAVE POWER, TOGETHER WITH ALL THE LORD'S HOLY PEOPLE, TO GRASP HOW WIDE AND LONG AND HIGH AND DEEP IS THE LOVE OF CHRIST, AND TO KNOW THIS LOVE THAT SURPASSES KNOWLEDGE—THAT YOU MAY BE FILLED TO THE MEASURE OF ALL THE FULLNESS OF GOD.



EPHESIANS 3:16-19

HIS WORDS

Take a moment and let these words sink in. These are from The Father to you. Notice the parallels from these two passages. Ask The Holy Spirit to strengthen you and help you grasp His boundless love.

Ask Jesus to fill your heart and soul so that His glorious riches, love, and power flow in and through your life.

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