

# leadership

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May 9, 2021

# MATTHEW

*Truly I Say To You*



# welcome

## our purpose

We are delighted that you joined us today! Our purpose is to glorify God by making and maturing disciples of Jesus Christ. Our ministry vision is to love God with all that we are, and love others as much as we love ourselves.

As you worship with us today, you'll notice how often we reference the gospel of Jesus Christ.

We don't have it all figured out, but we know that God saves sinners through faith in the death and resurrection of Jesus. Please join us as we exalt God by singing about his greatness and as we seek to know more about him from the Bible.

## the gospel

You will hear us talk about the gospel a lot. Actually it is the center of everything we do here at Highlands.

1. **God** - the only all-knowing, all-powerful King and Creator of all things. He created us to enjoy and glorify him forever. [Psalm 19:1-2; Romans 1:18-32]
2. **Sin** - Yet, we rejected God, and established ourselves as gods of our lives, separating ourselves from Him, and becoming objects of His wrath. In so doing we also unleashed sin, sickness, death and evil. [Ephesians 2:1-3; Romans 5:12-14]
3. **Christ** - In God's unparalleled mercy and grace, He already had a plan to reconcile us to Himself. The entire Old Testament points to the coming of the Messiah - revealed in the New Testament as Jesus Christ. [John 1; Ephesians 2:4-7; Romans 3:21-26]
4. **Response** - None of this is effective for us unless we respond in two ways: repent/turn from our self control and sin [Mark 1:15], and believe in the gospel [John 3:16-18]. We are then given new life in Christ, forgiven, justified, adopted into God's family, and we persevere in the faith. [1 John 1:9; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Matthew 24:13; Ephesians 4:1]

## kingdom kids

We love kids at Highlands!

Kids will be dismissed to downstairs before the sermon. Pick up will be outside, weather permitting! Please see one of our security team at the check-in desk for more info.

Current Classes: Explorers (0-2)

Discoverers (2-3) and Adventurers (4-Grade 2)

## calendar

- **See the Events Page on our website or app for more info!**
- Monday Night Care Group - every Monday 7pm at church
- Wednesdays: Men's Bible Study - 7am Wednesdays - Zoom
- Wednesdays: MidWeek Study - 6:30pm Wednesdays - at church
- Member Meeting - Sun, May 23rd, 6pm
- Next Steps Membership Class - Sunday, June 13th, 6pm

## finances

General Offering - April 2021	\$23,203.69
Designated Gifts - April 2021	\$550.20
YTD General Offering thru April 2021	\$89,101.70
2021 Budget	\$314,511.00

*Thank you so much for your generous gifts to the ministry of the church at Highlands, our giving box is in the back at the welcome table. Additionally, you can give anytime online at [www.HighlandsBibleChurch.org/Resources/Give](http://www.HighlandsBibleChurch.org/Resources/Give)*

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# worship guide

**May 9, 2021**

Our sermon passage today is from Matthew 6:25-34. As you prepare your heart for worship in song, in His Word, and in the fellowship of the saints, please consider:

## COMPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURE

“Come now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit” — yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. Instead you ought to say, “If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that.” As it is, you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil.”

(James 4:13-16 ESV)

## CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- Do you consider yourself an anxious person? What do you find yourself the most anxious about?
- What does it mean practically that “our lives are more than our needs?” What are we really called to as Christians?
- What does God’s sovereignty and his providence have to do with each other? How does that help us when we are anxious?
- Look at the passage above in James - what things resonate with you and why?
- What steps will you take to put this passage into action?
- NEXT WEEK’S PASSAGE: Matthew 7:1-6

## SING

Before the Throne of God Above | Grace Unmeasured |  
He Who is Mighty | Yet Not I But Christ Through Me |  
His Mercy is More

# sermon notes

**May 9, 2021**

## MATTHEW 6:25-34

*Do Not Be Anxious About Your Life...*

1. Basic Needs? [6:25; John 10:10]

**...because our lives are more than our needs.**

2. Birds, Flowers, and Gentiles [6:26-32; 10:29-31; Luke 12:22-24]

**...because God is the God of provision.**

3. Tomorrow. [6:33-34; James 4:13-16]

**....because we cannot control the future.**

**Big Idea: The cure for anxiety is a focus on God’s faithfulness.**

**Verse 1**

**Before the throne of God above  
I have a strong and perfect plea  
A great High Priest whose name is Love  
Who ever lives and pleads for me  
My name is graven on His hands  
My name is written on His heart  
I know that while in heav'n He stands  
No tongue can bid me thence depart  
No tongue can bid me thence depart**

**Verse 2**

**When Satan tempts me to despair,  
And tells me of the guilt within  
Upward I look and see Him there,  
Who made an end of all my sin  
Because the sinless Savior died,  
My sinful soul is counted free  
For God the just is satisfied  
To look on Him and pardon me,  
To look on Him and pardon me**

**Verse 3**

**Behold Him there the risen Lamb,  
My perfect spotless righteousness  
The great unchangeable I Am,  
The king of glory and of grace  
One with Himself I cannot die,  
My soul is purchased by his blood  
My life is hid with Christ on high  
With Christ my Savior and my God,  
With Christ my Savior and My God**

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With Christ my Savior and my God,  
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**Verse 1**

**Grace unmeasured vast and free  
That knew me from eternity  
That called me out before my birth  
To bring You glory on this earth**

**Grace amazing pure and deep  
That saw me in my misery  
That took my curse and owned my blame  
So I could bear Your righteous name**

**Chorus 1**

**Grace paid for my sins  
And brought me to life  
Grace clothes me with power  
To do what is right**

**Grace will lead me to heaven  
Where I'll see Your face  
And never cease  
To thank You for Your grace**

**Verse 2**

**Grace abounding strong and true  
That makes me long to be like You  
That turns me from my selfish pride  
To love the cross on which You died**

**Grace unending all my days  
You'll give me strength to run this race  
And when my years on earth are through  
The praise will all belong to You**

**Chorus 1**

**Verse 1**

**Oh the mercy our God has shown  
To those who sit in death's shadow  
The sun on high pierced the night  
Born was the Cornerstone**

**Pre-chorus**

**Unto us a Son is given  
Unto us a Child is born**

**Chorus 1**

**He Who is mighty  
has done a great thing  
Taken on flesh  
conquered death's sting**

**Shattered the darkness  
and lifted our shame  
Holy is His name**

**Verse 2**

**Oh the freedom our Savior won  
The yoke of sin has been broken  
Once a slave now by grace  
No more condemnation**

**Pre-chorus**

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## **Holy is His name**

### **Bridge**

**Now my soul magnifies the Lord  
I rejoice in the God Who saves  
I will trust His unfailing love  
I will sing His praises all my days**

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**Verse 1**

**What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer  
There is no more for heaven now to give  
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom  
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace  
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to his  
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine  
Yet not I but through Christ in me**

**Verse 2**

**The night is dark but I am not forsaken  
For by my side the Saviour he will stay  
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing  
For in my need his power is displayed  
To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me  
Through the deepest valley he will lead  
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome  
Yet not I but through Christ in me**

**Verse 3**

**No fate I dread I know I am forgiven  
The future sure the price it has been paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon  
And he was raised to overthrow the grave  
To this I hold my sin has been defeated  
Jesus now and ever is my plea  
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free  
Yet not I but through Christ in me**

**Verse 4**

**With every breath I long to follow Jesus  
For he has said that he will bring me home  
And day by day I know he will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne  
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to him  
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat  
Yet not I but through Christ in me**



**VERSE 1**

**What love could remember  
no wrongs we have done?  
Omniscient, all knowing,  
He counts not their sum.**

**Thrown into a sea  
without bottom or shore,  
Our sins they are many,  
His mercy is more.**

**Praise the Lord! His mercy is more!  
Stronger than darkness, new every morn.  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.**

**VERSE 2**

**What patience would wait  
as we constantly roam?  
What Father, so tender,  
is calling us home?**

**He welcomes the weakest,  
the vilest, the poor.  
Our sins they are many,  
His mercy is more.**

**Praise the Lord! His mercy is more!  
Stronger than darkness, new every morn.  
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**VERSE 3**

**What riches of kindness  
He lavished on us,  
His blood was the payment,  
His life was the cost.  
We stood 'neath a debt  
we could never afford,  
Our sins they are many,  
His mercy is more.**

**CHORUS**

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**Great is Thy faithfulness,  
Great is Thy faithfulness  
Morning by morning new mercies I see  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me**