

What If Jesus Was Right?

We just heard Matthew 6:25-34 read aloud for us in preparation for today's sermon. Did you notice how it began with the word "therefore?" That indicates Jesus wasn't moving to a new comment, but wrapping up what He had just taught. That occurs a few times during the Sermon on the Mount. We see it in 5:19 (after defending His intentions), and again in 5:48 (after calling His audience to a higher level of love like God). We're familiar with Jesus' teaching on being anxious for our daily needs, but do we understand what He was saying? I think we need to go back and read verses 19-24.

I have a simple question. **What if what Jesus said was right?** I know, it's a bit facetious, but seriously, hear me out. What if He's saying more than, "Being materialistic and a child of God is difficult to do, but you've got to be careful and keep it balanced." What if He means exactly what He said and we're not paying attention to the great physician's diagnosis? What if our anxiety is deeper than it seems? What if we're causing these anxieties based on a heart and habits that will continue to result in more anxiety?

1. What if Jesus was right about your treasure (vs. 19-21)?
 - Is He saying, "Don't be materialistic" or "You're revealing your heart?"
 - Do we say, "Once I get what satisfies, I'll turn my heart towards Him!"
 - Are earthly treasures delivering? What has your experience been?
 - Does God feel distant because we've distanced ourselves from His treasure?
2. What if Jesus was right about your master (vs. 22-24)?
 - He's saying, "No one can serve two masters."
 - Do we say, "Serving both is difficult, so try to keep God & money balanced?"
 - We will hate & despise one while loving & showing devotion to the other.
 - What if our challenge isn't devotion? It's that we're devoted to "mammon."
3. What if Jesus was right about your anxiety (vs. 25-32)?
 - He's saying, "God cares for your needs but you don't believe in Him."
 - Do we say, "I'm truly concerned over needs," but they're earthly wants?
 - What if worry is self-inflicted by asking created things to do what they can't?
 - What if this isn't "worriers vs. non-worriers," but "gentiles vs. children?"
 - Are we asking the wrong questions?
 - Are we saying, "It's God plus . . ." Say He's enough. Act like He's inadequate.
4. What if Jesus was right about the Kingdom (vs. 33-34)?
 - He's saying, "Everyone seeks a kingdom."
 - Do we say, "Let me try the other one first?"
 - We're already building a treasure, looking, devoted to & trusting a master.
 - Can this bear the weight of our souls needs?

Where does this leave us?

1. What if Jesus was right that your treasure gets your heart?
2. What if Jesus was right that you cannot have two masters?
3. What if Jesus was right that your Father knows what you need?
4. What if Jesus was right that the things we're chasing cannot secure us?
5. What if Jesus was right that the Kingdom is actually worth seeking first?

What would change tomorrow if you believed He was right today