

Things to Pray for:

CHURCH FAMILY NEEDS: Pray for the Ewing family; Jason unexpectedly passed away recently. Pray for Jerry Jamrozy, who has bone cancer.

MISSIONARIES: This month pray for Janyne Johnston.

FAMILY OF THE WEEK: Each week we'll pray for a different family in our church. This week pray for Barb.

HILLSIDE HAPPENINGS: Pray that the church would continue to stay unified under Christ. Pray for our livestream and for the people joining us there. Pray for Casa Del Alfarero, the Spanish-speaking Missionary Church 5 minutes from our building.

CURRENT HAPPENINGS: Pray for the war in Israel. Pray for the war in Ukraine.

Numbers

Attendance

In-person on 2/25: 47

Online views (through 2/29): 12

Giving

Online (2/19/24-2/25/24): will be included in next week's bulletin

In-Person on 2/25/24: \$150 for general

Total general needed weekly to meet budget: \$1623

Rather view this information on your phone?
Feel free to scan this Q.R. code to view this on the Bible app! For future reference, we always have the QR code posted at the main entrance that will take you to that week's event in the Bible app!



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THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO

Matthew

FROM TAX COLLECTOR TO APOSTLE

Welcome to

Hillside
MISSIONARY CHURCH

Welcome!

March 3rd, 2024

Whether you're a guest or a long-time attendee we're glad you're here with us. We're a friendly and caring group of Christians who are here to help people be **CONNECTED** with Jesus, **CHANGED** by Jesus, and **COMMITTED** to the mission of Jesus.

GUESTS: Thanks for joining us today! We truly believe that you're not here by accident and that God has some amazing plans for your life. If you'd like some information about who we are and how to get plugged in here at Hillside, please fill out the "I'm New" page on our website, which can be found by the QR code to the right.



SERMON SERIES: Today we are continuing our sermon series going through the Gospel of Matthew.

HELP UKRAINE: Our denomination, the Missionary Church, has set a prayer guide, as well as a relief project fund for us to be able to help Ukraine during their time of need. Check out the links below by pointing your phone camera to the Q.R. codes:



Prayer Guide



Relief Fund

Announcements

SMALL GROUPS: This is a great time to join a small group! Joining a small group is a great way to grow in your faith. There is a small group that meets on Sunday mornings, at 9:30am, and men's and women's groups that meet every other Tuesday evening. For more information, please see Pastor Josh.

EGG HUNT: Parents, mark your calendars! Our kids' ministry is putting on their annual glow-in-the-dark egg hunt on March 22nd. Check in with one of our kids ministry team leaders for more details.

FOSTER CLOSET BOOK DRIVE: The foster closet would like to thank the congregation for all of their support for their book drive. Because of your generous support, they were able to raise \$750. Thank you to all who helped make this happen!

Opportunities to Help

TECH: Our worship team is looking for someone who would like to run sound and/or slides. Please see Pastor Josh.

WORSHIP TEAM: Would you like to help out on the worship team? Please see Carolyn Dodd for details.

PRAYER GUIDE: Will you be in prayer for Hillside? Prayer guides are available at the welcome counter. Also, if you would like to be a prayer advocate, please see Pastor Josh.

MAINTENANCE TEAM: Would you like to help out on the maintenance team? We need help inside and outside the building. Please see Jeff Soule for details.

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Week 12 - Matthew 5:27-30 - 3/3/24

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Common misconceptions about lust:

1. All sexuality is _____
Gen. 2:18-25, Song of Solomon, 1 Cor. 7:1-5, Ez. 16, Hosea, 2 Cor. 11:2, Rev. 19:6-10
2. Temptations are the same as _____
Heb. 2:18, 4:15, Matt. 4:1
3. _____ valuing sexuality
1 Cor. 6:12-13, 20, Ecc. 3:1-8

How to deal with lust:

1. Get _____ with it
Matt. 5:29-30, 1 Cor. 6:18, 1 Pet. 2:11, James 4:7, Gen 39
2. Cut out _____ that causes you to lust
Matt. 5:29-30, 2 Sam. 11, Gal. 5:16, Col. 3:5, 2 Tim. 2:22, James 1:14-15
3. Seek out _____
James 5:16, Ecc. 4:9-12, 2 Cor. 5:10, Gal. 6:2
4. Focus on your relationship with _____
Matt. 26:41, Rom. 1:21-27, 7:15-20, 8:6, 13:14, 1 Thess. 4:3-5, Eph. 5:3, 1 Cor. 10:13, 2 Cor. 5:17

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Reflecting on God's Word

Getting Started

- Take some time to read over Matthew 5:27-30 and pray.
- Have you ever read or heard about this before? What stood out to you as we were talking about it?
- What are some common misconceptions about sexuality in our culture?
- What are some common misconceptions about sexuality among Christians?
- Be honest with yourself: have you ever struggled with lust? How so?
- Do you struggle with lust during this season of your life? How so?

Diving In

In order to understand lust, we first must understand what the Bible teaches about our sexuality. Scripture is clear when it comes to our sexuality. God created sex, and it is good, but it has its parameters. Those parameters are that sex is only to be between one man, and one woman, who are married. If you would like to hear an entire message on why we believe that, please go to our website and listen to the message from last year when we talked about that: hmcworship.com/sermons/bethechurchweek6.

- Many people think that only their outward actions count, and that they can't control what they are thinking, but Jesus' teachings about lust elevates the standard that God has for our sexuality, from our outward actions, to what is going on within our hearts. Read 2 Corinthians 10:3-6. How can you better learn to control your thoughts?
- What common thoughts do you have that are not honoring to God?
- How do you think your life would change if you learned how to better control your thought life?

Many times in the church, we can have misconceptions about our sexuality. We can easily fall into the trap of thinking all sexual thoughts are sinful. As we discussed in the message, there are obviously sinful thoughts we can have about sexuality, however, by erroring on the other side, we can actually cause ourselves issues. What effect do you think it would have on you, to look at Scripture, and realize that sex is good (so long as it is in its proper context).

- What misconceptions have you had about sex before?
- Read Hebrews 2:18 and 4:15. How does realizing that Jesus was tempted sexually help you in your temptations?
- How can you help fellow believers to have a better understanding about what Scripture says about sexuality?

Read Matthew 5:29-30 again. Jesus doesn't go softly on lust. He is clear that we need to cut out anything in our lives that causes us to lust. What in your life causes you to lust?

- Where are you most commonly tempted to lust?
- Where, emotionally, are you, when you are tempted to lust?
- What do you need to cut out of your life, and how can you practically accomplish that?
- How do you think focusing on your relationship with the Lord would help you to stop lusting?

Applying the Scripture

What are your biggest takeaways from this passage of God's Word?

- What practical step(s) do you need to implement in your life to apply what God has taught you in this passage of Scripture?
- How would applying this affect your life and your relationship with the Lord?
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