

Things to Pray for:

CHURCH FAMILY NEEDS: Pray for Sam who was in the hospital recently. He also fell and broke his hip, and had to have a partial replacement, and is now in recovery. Please continue to pray for Jerry Jamrozky, 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 the Balients.

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. Pray for all of the damage and those affected from the recent storms.

Numbers

Attendance

In-person on 5/4/25: 54

Online views (through 5/5): 6

Giving

Online: (4/28/25-5/4/25): \$80 for general

In-Person on 5/4/25: \$3595 for general, \$50 for missions



Give Online

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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Matthew 21:42

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures:

"The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord's doing,
and it is marvelous in our eyes'?"



Welcome!

May 11th, 2025

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.



EMAIL LIST: If you would like to receive prayer requests, announcements, and our weekly email, feel free to scan the QR code above. It will take you to the "I'm New" page on our website, where you can fill out your name, phone number, and email.

SERMON SERIES: We are currently going through a sermon series in the Gospel of Matthew. Today, we're talking about how to avoid becoming stuck in a rut in our faith.

Announcements

TESTIMONIES: We would love to hear what God has done and is doing in your life! If you would like to share, we are making short videos (3-5 minutes) to be shown during service on Sunday. If you are interested in participating, please talk to Pastor Josh.

BAPTISM: Are you interested in getting baptized? We would love to celebrate with you! Please talk to Pastor Josh for more details.

PRAIRIE CAMP: Information about our denominational camp can be found at the welcome counter! There are camps for kids throughout the summer, and family camp is happening on July 13th-19th. We hope to see you there!

LADY'S NIGHT: This Friday, May 16th will be a Ladies Night at 6 pm in the gym. Kayla will lead us in a Bible Journaling workshop while we enjoy snacks and conversation! Please bring a dessert or appetizer to share and a notebook you would like to use to start your Bible journal. Kayla will have pre-organized journals to purchase for \$5 if you're interested. If you have any questions, please see Kayla, Katy, or Tammi!

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.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO

Matthew

FROM TAX COLLECTOR TO APOSTLE

When Your Faith is Stuck in a Rut

Week 64 - Matthew 21:23-22:14 - 5/11/25

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1. The Kingdom of God is not for those with _____ backgrounds, but rather for those who believe, and do the will of the Father
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2. The Kingdom of God is not about what we can _____ out of it, but rather aligning our will with God's, in order to co-reign with Him
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Reflecting on God's Word

Getting Started

- Take some time to read over Matthew 21:23-22:14 and pray.
- Have you ever read or heard about this before? What stood out to you as we were talking about it?
- What surprised you as we talked about it?
- Why do you think it's so easy for us to become stuck in a rut in our faith?
- Have you ever felt like you have been stuck in a rut in your faith? If so, how did you get out of it?
- Do you feel like your faith is stuck in a rut right now? If so, why do you think that is? If not, what has prevented your faith from becoming stuck in a rut?

Diving In

1. None of us are perfect. When we feel like we have to be in order to have a good relationship with the Lord, our faith will become stuck in a rut. How can you remember to repent, and do the will of the Father better?

2. Our focus should not be on what we can get out of God for our own selfish gain. When our focus becomes that, our faith will become stuck in a rut. How can your focus stay on aligning your will with that of the Father's?

3. In Jesus' last parable, none of those who are indifferent, antagonistic, or even those who are unchanged inherit the Kingdom of God. Rather, God's will is that all will come into a saving relationship with Him, and be transformed by Him. What aspect(s) of your life have you not allowed God to transform? How can you allow God to transform that aspect of your life?

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?
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