

# Things to Pray for:

**CHURCH FAMILY NEEDS:** Pray for Donna, who has cancer. Pray for Callie who is recovering from sinus surgery. Pray for Jerry Jamrozy, who has bone cancer. Pray for Tony who is recovering from an ankle surgery.

**MISSIONARIES:** This month pray for the Bellas.

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

**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 9/22/24: 50

Online views (through 9/26): 15

### Giving

Online: (9/16/24-9/22/24): \$65 for general

In-Person on 9/22/24: \$529 for general, \$60 for missions

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!



Give Online



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### Matthew 11:28-30

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

  
**Hillside**  
MISSIONARY CHURCH

# Welcome!

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September 29th, 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.



**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 a passage where Jesus encounters someone who is doubting.

## Announcements

**SMALL GROUPS:** Small groups have started up for the year! Last year we changed our small groups to have a men's and women's group. This year we are having those groups meet again, every other Tuesday. The youth group will also be starting up again for the school year. If you are interested, please sign up at the welcome counter. There is also a schedule available at the welcome counter. For more information, please see Pastor Josh.

**TRUNK OR TREAT:** Our 4th annual Trunk or Treat is happening October 11th, from 6-7:30pm! Sign up your trunk at the welcome counter. We hope to see you there!

**LUNCH AT FOR MIAMI VILLAGE CHURCH:** We are serving lunch to Miami Village Church, a church mainly made up of homeless people, on October 6th. We need a handful of people to help make and serve lunch, and to donate food. If you are interested in helping, please talk to Pastor Josh.

## 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

**Week 34 - Matthew 11:20-30 - 9/29/24**

## How Do You Know You've Got it Right?

Last week we talked about John the Baptist, who had his faith in the right place, but started to doubt that he had it right. Now, Jesus turns His attention to others, who are in the opposite situation: they think they've got it all right, but actually don't. By taking a look at this part of God's Word, we can learn if we've got this whole faith thing correct or not.

### What Jesus Teaches His Original Audience

1. Living for God doesn't involve jumping through hoops, it involves a \_\_\_\_\_ with God  
Matt. 11:20-21, 9:13, 1 Sam. 15:22-23, Hos. 6:6, Ps. 51:16-17, Prov. 21:3, Amos 5:21-24, Mark 12:33
2. Greater revelation = a greater \_\_\_\_\_  
Matt. 11:22, Luke 12:48, 16:10-12, James 3:1, John 15:22, Acts 17:30
3. There will be varying degrees of \_\_\_\_\_  
Matt. 11:23-24, Rom. 2:5, Rev. 20:11-15, Luke 12:47-48,

### What Jesus' Message Means for Us Today:

1. We have an incredible amount of \_\_\_\_\_  
Rom. 16:25-26, Eph. 3:1-6, Heb. 1:1-3
2. We will be judged at a very high \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. God often chooses the \_\_\_\_\_  
Matt. 11:25-26, 1 Cor. 1:27-30, Rom. 12:16, Eph. 2:8-9

### What We Need to Do With This Information:

1. Check your heart and \_\_\_\_\_  
Matt. 11:27, 1 John 1:9, Ps. 139:23-24, 34:18, Jer. 17:10
2. Realize living for Christ is the most \_\_\_\_\_ way to live  
Matt. 11:28-30, Ecc. 2:22-23, Ps. 4:8, John 7:37, Gal. 5:1
3. Go "\_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_" for God  
Matt. 22:37, 13:44-46, 10:38-39, 6:31, Phil. 3:7-9, Luke 14:33, 18:23-24

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# Reflecting on God's Word

## Getting Started

- Take some time to read over Matthew 11:20-30 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?

## Diving In

1. Read Matthew 11:20-24 again. Here, Jesus would have undoubtedly shocked His listeners, who thought their faith was in the right place, when it really wasn't. Have you ever had that experience of being shocked to find out that there was something majorly lacking in your faith? If so, what was it, and what did you do about it?
  - Jesus' listeners in this passage would have probably thought about their faith through the lens of doing the right things, and jumping through the appropriate hoops. Have you ever made the same mistake, and thought about your faith like that?
2. Today, we have the full revelation of Scripture, and amazing access to it as well. We also live in a period of time, in a part of the world that is extremely affluent, not only compared to other parts of the world, but also when considering what most people went through, throughout all of time. Scripture makes clear that to whom much is given, much is required. Spend some time thinking through and writing down all of the aspects of your life, and the things that you are blessed to have.
  - As you look at the list of things that God has blessed you with, how can you be the best steward you possibly can with them? How can you use those things to build up God's Kingdom better? Do you feel like you are wasting anything on your list?
  - Read Matthew 11:25-26. Here, Jesus makes clear that God often chooses the unlikely to do amazing things for His Kingdom. This is also echoed throughout many parts of Scripture. How does that fact bring you hope for what God wants to do in your life?
3. Read Matthew 11:27-30. Jesus makes clear that His audience has struggled with not repenting, and instead relying on their own righteousness. He says that instead they should repent. How do you think repentance would help your relationship with God?
  - How do you think repenting, and relying on Jesus' righteousness instead of your own, would help you to live in a more restful state?
  - How would your life look differently if you were "all-in" for God?

## 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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