

Lesson #14
Series 2 – Story 8

The Sermon on the Mount
Rote Religion versus Real Relationship

Matthew 5:1-6:24; Matthew 9:9-13; 10:1-4; Luke 5:27-31; 6:12-36

JESUS CAME TO ABOLISH ALL RELIGIOUS SYSTEMS AND TO REIGN IN THE HEARTS OF MAN.

Story Outline:

- I. Contentious hearts of Jewish leaders
- II. Completion of inner circle
- III. Compelling sermon seals God's standard of righteousness

Life Application Principles:

1. What is familiar often causes one to miss what is extraordinary.
2. Rule keeping will never accomplish right standing with God.
3. The path to God is not found in religious rituals and traditions but in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.
4. God will use our unique personalities, past experiences and gifts to complete the task He calls us to.
5. Jesus calls us based not on who we are but on who we can become.
6. Prayer is essential in knowing the heart of God.
7. When we choose to obey Jesus and commit to His standard of righteousness, our lives are radically changed.
8. In order to receive the blessings of God, we must listen and act upon the standards Jesus declares.
9. Believers must live differently from the world in order to influence the world for Christ.
10. The heart must be constantly checked and examined in order for true righteousness to be the path of the believer.
11. Single-hearted devotion to God is the only road that leads to blessing.
12. We must seek first God's kingdom and His righteousness in order for our lives to manifest His character.
13. Jesus Christ is the only sure and lasting foundation upon which to build your life.
14. It is easier to be a fanatic than a faithful soul. (Oswald Chambers)

NAME OF JESUS
Devotional Reading
“RABBI - TEACHER”

From the moment we are born until the moment we die we are all learners as well as teachers. Emerging from the womb with no knowledge of what life is like outside that warm and protective cocoon, an infant immediately begins to learn from others the ways of this seemingly cold and ever-changing world. Unable to survive alone, the presence and involvement of a parent or caregiver from the very moment the baby takes its first sip of air onward is vital to his or her physical life and emotional wellbeing. Everything that is done and everything that is said to and for the child becomes a “*teachable*” moment that, whether immediately evident or not, leaves a lasting impression upon the child that has both immediate and life-long consequences. Blessed with the great privilege of being a parent, I have had the opportunity to not only provide for the basic and immediate needs of my children, but also to teach them many lessons about life and about God that they will hopefully remember and apply throughout the course of their time on earth. Conversely, as a new parent with little knowledge of what that really entailed, some of the greatest life lessons I ever learned were “*taught*” to me by my children. Through their cries and their laughter, their illnesses and their issues, their tantrums and their triumphs, I actually learned from them, along with the help of a few others, how to be a mother.

Beyond infancy into childhood and through all the stages of life, a “*teacher*” has the power to influence the behavior, opinions, beliefs and even the very outcome of a student, or “*learners*” life. Whether a teacher by vocation and training or less formally by position such as a parent, coach, or friend, every word and action that proceeds from the teacher is helping to shape the student’s thinking and mold his character. Based on this undeniable fact, I believe that teaching is the hardest job on earth because it carries the greatest responsibility. Not only must a teacher’s words be worthy but his or her actions must be beyond reproach because many lessons are more often “*caught*” than “*taught*.” Therefore, since we are all teachers at some point in our lives, we must never negate our own character as unimportant in our interactions with others. As long as we are living, speaking and active in this life, we are constantly influencing and shaping other people’s minds and hearts. We must be careful in all we say and do, consider where we go, and be cautious as to who we listen to.

This is especially true for those who profess to be followers of Jesus Christ. Today we live in a world where lack of the knowledge and wisdom of God along with a disregard for the truth as found in His Word is at an all-time high. Preferring worldly wisdom and their own ideas of what is truth, the majority today reject the reality of the one true living God and deny that absolute

truth exists. We only need to turn on the television or scroll about the internet to see the depths into which man has fallen. Blinded by the god of this age (the “do your own thing,” “live your own truth,” “whatever you think is true and whatever you feel is right”) mentality, our culture is dominated by ideology that is dangerously divisive and ultimately destroys the soul. Therefore, the manner in which Christians live and speak must be done with the utmost vigilance and care because God’s Word, His reputation, and the lives of the very people He created are at stake. As made clear in the Bible, the only way to counteract and survive in such a culture is to draw near to **JESUS CHRIST**, the greatest **TEACHER** the world has ever known and learn from Him. Like the disciples, we must sit at the feet of the greatest Jewish **RABBI** ever to walk the face of this earth, and be taught the unchanging and inerrant TRUTH that will sustain and empower us to live righteously before others for His honor and for His glory. And by God’s grace, if done well, draw others to the TRUTH that is found in Him that they may escape the death trap of this godless generation.

“Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of time, because the days are evil.” (Ephesians 5:15-16)

“If you abide in My word, you are truly My disciples, and you will know the truth and the truth will set you free.” (John 8:32)

Throughout the Gospels, Jesus was often addressed by His followers as **TEACHER** or **RABBI**, the Hebrew title for a Jewish scholar or teacher. This name or title for Him is another way of helping us understand WHO Jesus is and WHY He came to earth. It tells us that one of His main objectives in becoming flesh and dwelling among men was to teach us important truths that are vital to our life and wellbeing. Jesus came first and foremost to be our Savior, but also to impart knowledge and wisdom concerning the absolute truth of God’s words and His ways. In love and tender compassion for all people, Jesus came to **TEACH** us God’s necessary requirements for eternal life and how to live in perfect communion with Him, the results of which are great blessing. No one but Jesus Christ - who was in the beginning with God and was God (John 1:1-2), who is the very “wisdom of God” (1 Corinthians 1:24) and in whom “all the fullness of God is pleased to dwell” (Colossians 1:19), - knows the absolute truth and is able to teach it with all wisdom, knowledge and clarity because it is essentially all about Him. David Jeremiah explains, “As God, He is the source of truth; as Man, He is the incarnation of truth. Jesus said, ‘I am the way, the truth and the life’ (John 14:6). He didn’t simply say ‘I have come to show the way and to tell the truth and to provide the life.’ He boldly declared that He Himself was the essence of those things, the very embodiment of them. He IS the Truth!’”

“For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world---to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.” (John 18:37)

Throughout the scriptures, God makes it very clear that what we believe and WHO we believe is vital to holy living and holy doing. What we believe and WHO we believe is the most important thing about us because it defines who we are, influences our character and determines our

destiny. What we believe and WHO we believe has eternal consequences that extend far beyond ourselves because what we believe and WHO we believe is the primary motivator of all we say and all we do and influences others whether we realize it or not. Because the world is so loud and our flesh is so weak, what and who we listen to and learn from is a choice we must all make, every single day - lest we fall. There is a great danger, both personally and in the lives of those around us, in listening to and acting upon any other voice than the voice of Jesus Christ, the world's most wonderful and wise **TEACHER**. It is His words we must know, and His life that we must emulate.

“Do not be deceived, God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that he will also reap. For the One who sows to his own flesh will reap from the flesh corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.” (Galatians 6:7-8)

As believers we must choose to live differently from the world in order to influence the world for Christ. Like Mary of Bethany in Luke 10:41-42, we must choose to spend time at the feet of Jesus, the greatest **TEACHER** who ever lived, and learn from Him. Like the disciples, we must get away from the crowds and go up on the mountain with Jesus, the author and interpreter of the scriptures, that we may be taught the absolute truth of God and His plan for eternity. We must turn off the television and the internet and turn to the Word of God that He might reshape any ungodly thinking and remold our fearful anxious hearts by His never changing truth. We must seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness in order for our lives to manifest His character. David Jeremiah beautifully writes: *“When His ‘red letters’ are ‘read letters’ they lift us above the aches of earth and set our eyes on things above.”* As we sit at the feet of Jesus Christ, the great **TEACHER** and eternally wise **RABBI**, with an eager mind and an open heart, we begin to fall in love with Him and find ourselves hungering and thirsting for His truth more than anything the world has to offer. And as we spend more time with Him, we become different and better people, conformed into the image of Christ. We become people whom God can use to bring the light of Truth into this dark, confused and godless world which has the power to make a lasting and life changing impact on the physical, emotional, mental and eternal life of those around us. When we, with quiet and obedient hearts, sit at the feet of Jesus and become students of His Word, we will KNOW the truth and be set free from the foolish wisdom of this anxiety producing world.

Therefore, today, with such wonderful opportunities before you, will you, like Mary, choose to sit at the feet of Jesus the great **TEACHER**, with an eager heart and an open mind so that you may be transformed by His beautiful and absolutely true words of life? Will you, like the disciples become His student, with no other agenda but to follow Him closely and KNOW Him more fully so that you can be used by Him for His glory and the sake of the lost? Will you choose to be a *“learner”* of Him today that He might use you as a *“teacher”* empowered to impact the world for eternity's glory? There is no more worthy endeavor and no greater joy than to be a learner and a teacher of the Lord Jesus Christ!

*“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they shall be satisfied.” (Matthew 5:6)*

*“Let your light so shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to
your Father who is in heaven.” (Matthew 5:16)*

THE DOCTRINE

“UNDERSTANDING THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT”

The Starting Place: New Birth

The sermon found in Matthew 5 – 7 was not given by God so that a person might fulfill it, or even some of it, and then congratulate himself on how well he is doing. It is not a list of mandates to be followed as if checking off the boxes! It was given in order to drive a man to God for His mercy. Only one who has the Spirit of God dwelling within through the new birth is capable of living by its principles. Jesus’ teachings from the Sermon on the Mount echo over and over again the necessity of new life rather than living by a legalistic system of morality. We can certainly be aware of Christ’s ethic as stated in his teachings, but to live out that ethic requires the power of the Spirit indwelling the believer. The world of the Sermon on the Mount is a real and sinful world – a world of tax collectors, unjust officials, hypocrites, thieves, of those who are weak and poor and of false prophets. It is an authoritative statement of how those who are born again by faith in Christ are to live in spite of it. To understand the deep implications of the need of new birth and a transformed heart in order to live out the standards set by Jesus in his most famous sermon, we must go back to God’s giving of the Mosaic law, for it is here that we see so clearly the utter futility of man’s striving to attain the righteousness God demands and the deeper ethic of those Old Testament laws that Jesus expounds in his sermon.

The Old Testament Law and the Futility of Fulfilling It

The people of Israel asked for the law, and God called Moses up into the mountain of Sinai to receive it. It was here that the underlying basics of the standard of living for God people were introduced to the young nation of Israel. Moses was told that there were to be no other gods before the one true God of Israel. There were to be no idols. There was to be no greed, no adultery, no murder, no breaking of the Sabbath day, and the honor of parents. All of these laws were meant to insure and maintain the integrity not only of one’s relationship to God but one’s relationship to others as well. While the precepts of the law were being given to Moses on the mountain however, the people who had been delivered out of Egypt with him remained in the valley practicing the very things that God had forbidden. Thus, at the outset of Israel’s history, we are given a vivid demonstration of the truth that the standards of God’s righteousness simply cannot be achieved by sinful human beings.

In time the people of Israel recognized this truth, and those who submitted to it came with humility before God, confessed their sin, and availed themselves of the cleansing power God had provided for them through the animal sacrifices. Those who refused to submit to this truth and instead boasted in their own self-righteousness, attempted to whittle the high standards of God’s law down to the narrow level of their own futile efforts at performance. They did this by interpreting and reinterpreting God’s original laws adding to them meticulous restrictions and

additions. Over a long period of time and under the direction of the Jewish scribes, a series of supplementary commandments was added to God's law, resulting in the lowering of its requirements, although the Jewish leaders responsible for these additions refused to acknowledge this. The rabbis claimed to be "*putting a hedge*" around the Torah, thus rationalizing their additions of interpretation to the previously stated laws of God. This meant that the scribes were constructing a series of "*safeguard commandments*" to surround the central God given commandment so that anyone who came close to breaking it would be warned by these additional "*explanations*" before he did so and thus be kept from sinning. Actually this meant (as an example) that the individual could tell himself that he had kept the Sabbath – only IF he did not travel more than a Sabbath day's journey, or IF he did not cook in his home, or IF he did not work in the field, and on and on the detailed regulations and explanations went. It was indeed entirely possible for a man or a woman to escape completely the far more important demands upon his mind and his conduct that in God's view, actually made the day holy. It was a perfect picture of missing the forest for the trees.

Jesus' Confrontation with Hypocrisy

The situation in Jesus' day had reached a desperate state in dire need of reform, and the result was that Jesus confronted this hypocrisy directly. With unparalleled authority, He said, "*For I say unto you, that **except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven***" (Matt. 5:20). Essentially Jesus was saying, "*Even though you may have kept the commandments and the multitudes of additional restrictions given by your own rabbis, that does not necessarily mean that you have kept the commandments of God. And the purpose of those commandments is actually to show you that you have not kept them and furthermore, that you will never be able to keep them.*"

Years later, the apostle Paul spelled out this teaching for his churches. He wrote, "Now we know that whatever things the law says, it says to them who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped and **all the world may become guilty before God**. Therefore, by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight; for by the law is the knowledge of sin" (Romans 3:19-20). Paul is saying clearly – the one thing that the law cannot do is to make a man righteous before God. Rather it condemns him. Consequently, if we are ever to understand the ethical teachings of Jesus, we must recognize as a first great principle that we just cannot abide by them. And we must come in faith to the only One who did fulfill them perfectly and who alone can fulfill them in those of us who give our lives to Him. It is only as He Himself lives them out through us that we can ever achieve the "*perfection*" he commands in this incredible sermon. "*You therefore, will be perfect (growing into spiritual maturity both in mind and character, actively integrating godly values into your daily life), as your heavenly Father is perfect*" (Matthew 5:48 AMP). **With Christ all things are possible** – even living the life that Jesus describes in his famous sermon.

To preach the standards of the Sermon on the Mount to persons who are unregenerate and who do not have Christ's nature within them is a bit like preaching the Old Testament prophecies

about the bliss of the millennial kingdom found in the book of Isaiah to the animal world. Isaiah 11 declares that when Jesus Christ returns to this world to set up His holy kingdom, all things will be made right. Sin will cease, and even in nature, *“the wolf will dwell with the lamb, a leopard will lie down with a young goat and a little child will lead them. . . .”* (Isaiah 11:6-9). That prophecy goes on to declare that the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea! Try practicing that today with a wolf and a lamb!! Most of us have visited the zoo often enough to know that a lamb wandering into a wolf’s cage would be dinner with wool on – no matter how many preachers are reading the eleventh chapter of Isaiah to the wolf! Therefore, IF Isaiah’s prophecy is to be fulfilled, it is necessary for the wolf to have a new nature. Likewise, IF Jesus’ law of a believer’s character, influence, behavior and action is to be fulfilled in us, it is necessary for us to have a new nature. We need to recognize as a first and primary principle of Christian ethics that *A NEW NATURE, GIVEN TO US BY THE LORD JESUS CHRIST THROUGH THE NEW BIRTH IS THE PREREQUISITE FOR LIVING OUT THE TEACHING IN THIS SERMON.* The state of the Jewish religion in the days of Jesus particularly, the Scribes and Pharisees, had become an operation – a business – an empty religion without the power of God Himself, and Jesus had come to offer a better way – a new birth and a new life in Him.

The Necessity of Emptying Oneself

“BLESSED are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” Matthew 5:3

In order to practice Jesus’ teaching, there must be an emptying in our lives before there can be a filling, and this is precisely where Jesus’ sermon begins. We must become poor in spirit before we can become rich in God’s spiritual blessings. The old wine must be poured out of the wineskins before the new wine can be poured in. There must be a true poverty of heart which is totally unnatural to man’s fallen nature, and therefore, impossible without the new birth. Nothing but a direct encounter with the holy, just, and loving God will produce it. At the beginning of Jesus’ earthly life, Simeon acknowledged this emptying principle in the prophecy he spoke to Mary and Joseph when they appeared in Jerusalem for the presentation of the infant Jesus at the temple. Simeon said *“Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel”* (Luke 2:34). Note the order: first the fall, then the rising again. In other words, the emptying comes before the filling, repentance before conversion, a recognition of worthlessness in God’s sight before the acceptance of our value through His salvation. This is what every true child of God must experience.

When Martin Luther entered the monastery at a young age, his purpose was to earn his own salvation through piety and good works. Nevertheless, he experienced an acute and ongoing sense of failure. It was only after he recognized his own inability to please God and emptied himself of all attempts to earn his salvation that God touched his heart and showed him the true meaning of salvation by grace through faith. Luther then became the great reformer of the Church of Jesus Christ, holding high the banner of truth and the gospel of Christ. He emptied his life, only to be filled with the power of Almighty God who raised him up upon the stage of

church history as the leader of an earthshaking movement, the Protestant Reformation that led to revival and transformation of the church of Jesus Christ.

If you are an empty vessel, God desires to fill you with the life of Jesus Christ – supernaturally - and by His presence and power within you, you can live out the teachings of Jesus found in his Sermon on the Mount. The power of the One who gave the standards is the very One who Himself can and will fulfill them in your life. It is Christ in you who alone can fulfill the high standard of godly living stated in the profound and deep teachings of Matthew 5 - 7.

It is no accident that Jesus begins this sermon with the main imperative that underlies the entire teaching: poverty of spirit. Nothing but a direct encounter with the holy, just and living God will produce this filling, and it comes only one way – through brokenness and humility. It is impossible to create a true poverty of spirit by looking within or by looking around at other people. The human heart is deeply corrupt. *“The heart is deceitful above all things, and it is extremely sick; who can understand it fully and know its secret motives?”* (Jeremiah 17:9 AMP). Because of this tragic reality, you will always latch upon someone who is worse in some respect than yourself (by your own measurements!). You will find someone who is more prideful than you, and in doing so, you will pride yourself for your own perceived humility. You will find someone who has an anger problem, and although you too have a temper, you will congratulate yourself for being more moderate in your temper than he. So it will go with all the failings that make you less perfect than Jesus Christ, (who alone is the standard of perfection) and therefore a fitting object of His mercy and salvation.

CS Lewis wrote of this experience:

“Whenever we find that our religious life is making us feel that we are good – above all, that we are better than someone else – I think we may be certain that we are being acted on, not by God, but by the devil. The real test of being in the presence of God is that you either forget about yourself altogether, or see yourself as a small, dirty object. It is better to forget about yourself altogether.”

The simple truth is that Jesus Himself IS the Sermon on the Mount, and as we study His words and His life, we will understand and appropriate more deeply His teaching. The result? We will be drawn increasingly closer to Him and become increasingly more like Him – more perfect – more in line with what we see in this teaching. We will understand what it means to be truly blessed

BLESSED BY BEING

Devoid of spiritual arrogance both now and forever –

“Blessed are the poor in spirit”

Forgiven and refreshed by God’s grace as we recognize our sin for what it really is in God’s sight and experience the burden of it being lifted –

“Blessed are those who mourn”

As we act in gentleness and kindness with the promise He offers of inheriting the earth –

“Blessed are the meek”

As we understand the satisfaction of a hunger and thirst for righteousness fulfilled and experienced only by the deep satisfaction God provides –

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness”

As we extend mercy to others and receive mercy in return –

“Blessed are the merciful”

As we live in purity with integrity, moral courage and godly character with the promise of “seeing God” –

“Blessed are the pure in heart”

As we experience the inward peace and security of self control and become a bridge of peace in all situations –

“Blessed are the peacemakers”

As we are comforted with an unexplainable inner peace even in the midst of intense persecution for Christ’s sake –

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake”

As we experience all kinds of evil and false accusation for the sake of Christ –

“Blessed are those falsely persecuted for my sake”

As we commit to be salt and light in a world of darkness and despair.

“You are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world”

This sermon contains the formula for receiving the favor of God along with His richest blessing, and it is indeed possible through the presence of Christ indwelling the believer. May we understand afresh Jesus’ words of Matthew 5:48: “*You, therefore will be perfect (growing in spiritual maturity both in mind and character, actively integrating godly values into your daily life) as your Heavenly Father is perfect.*” (Matthew 5:4)

Heavenly Father, May it be so!

Questions for Reflection

Read Matthew 4:24 - 5:1; Luke 6:20-26

1. What prompted Jesus to go up on the mountain? Who was His target audience? Why do you think He wanted time alone with them?
2. What is the difference between a disciple of Jesus and a follower of Jesus? (*See Matthew 4:18-25* for help). To which group do you belong?
3. What does the word “*blessed*” mean? In your own words, explain the meaning of each blessing and its related reward. (Cite scripture references you found to back up your answer.)
4. These blessings are often described as character traits Jesus wants to develop in every believer. Which of these would you say are true of you? Which would you like Jesus to develop in you?

Read Matthew 5:13-20

5. What is salt used for? How can you be “*salt*” in the world today? What impact might Christ-inspired “*saltiness*” have on others?

6. What is light, and how is it used in the world? How can a person be the “*light of the world?*” Are you willing to go into the darkness to be God’s light? Will you ask God to show you where or to whom you can take His gospel light today?

7. What does Jesus teach about Himself in regards to the Old Testament Law? How does this impact your thinking and attitude toward the Old Testament?

8. What was wrong with the standard of righteousness of the Scribes and Pharisees that Jesus condemns? (*Skim Matthew 23* for help). What impact does a self-righteous attitude have upon society and on the church?

9. How do your rituals and traditions keep you in the darkness shielding you from the truth of Jesus Christ? Do you see the danger of this darkness ultimately keeping you in a state of separation from God? Ask God now to open your eyes to any possible entrapment that may be present in your life.

Read Matthew 5:21-48. Jesus’s teaching emphasized the contrast between the outward practices of the Law and the attitudes of true believers.

10. *Read Matthew 5:21-32.* What 3 sins does Jesus condemn? How does He relate these outward practices to deeper issues of the heart? Is there anything the Lord is convicting you of regarding these sins that need to be confessed?

11. *Read Matthew 5:33-37.* What is an oath? Why do you think Jesus cautions believers against making them? What does this teach you about Christ's standard for absolute truth?

12. *Read Matthew 5:38-48.* Christ's standard of love is unique and sets a follower apart from the world. What are some things you could do to show His love to those who mistreat and persecute you?

Read Matthew 6-7

13. In Matthew 6:1-18 Jesus explains what authentic righteousness entails. What is at least one truth and one personal application you learn about the following:

- a. Giving (v. 1-4)
- b. Prayer (v. 5-15)
- c. Fasting (v. 16-18)

14. In Matthew 6:19-7:29 Jesus continues to teach His followers that God's primary concern is the condition of the human heart. What is at least one truth and one application you learn about the following:

- a. God and possessions (6:19-24)
- b. The cure for anxiety (6:25-34)
- c. Judging others (7:1-6)
- d. Asking for wisdom (7:7-12)
- e. Entering the Kingdom (7:13-23)

- f. Wise vs. foolish building (7:24-29)

The Calling of the 12 (various scriptures)

15. Read *Matthew 4:18-22*. Who were the first 4 apostles?

16. Read *Matthew 9:9-13, Luke 5:27-31*

- a. What was different about Matthew from the first 4 apostles? How did he show his faith and gratitude to Jesus for choosing him?
 - b. How did the Jewish leaders respond? In your own words, explain Jesus's response.
17. Read *Matthew 10: 1-4; Mark 2:13-19; Luke 6:12-19*. List the 12 apostles. From Luke's gospel, what did Jesus do prior to choosing these specific men out of all His followers? How can you apply this to your own life and ministry?
18. What was the ministry of the apostles to include? Who gave them the authority and the ability to accomplish their assignments? What lessons do you learn regarding your calling and service for the Lord?

RABBI/TEACHER

How would your life be different if you committed to being a life-long disciple of Jesus Christ, the greatest Rabbi and Teacher the world has ever known?

Which of the radical principles and teachings of Jesus from the sermon is most compelling to you? Which are the most challenging? What are some changes you need to make to live according to His standard and be an effective witness in the godless culture around you?

SALVATION CHALLENGE

Jesus came to abolish all religious systems and to reign in the hearts of man. What false beliefs are keeping you trapped and in bondage to something that cannot save you or set you free? Will you confess the futility of your "religion" and allow Jesus to enter your heart and reign over your life as Savior and Lord?