

LIVE IT OUT

Answer these questions on your own or preferably with others to reflect upon and apply what you've heard.

1. Which part of today's message stood out to you and why?
2. Reread Matthew 5:37. Describe how, if that standard of absolute integrity were employed, it would affect various kinds of relationships. Parents? Children? Friends? Spouses? Bosses? Employees? Etc.
3. What's one thing you could do differently to adopt a policy of absolute integrity?

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Cornerstone's Top Three

Learn what's happening right now with the three most important things for you to know this week at Cornerstone.

1. **Easter is four weeks from today.** It's time to give up *not* inviting people to church for Lent! Invite your friends and family to check out CornerstoneNH.org online and join you at church On Site March 31st or before!
2. **Our Annual Meeting Celebration is in two weeks.** Join us after church on March 17th to celebrate God's faithfulness in the past and look forward to what he may have for us in the future. Lunch will be served, new & renewing members will be welcomed, and our 2024 budget & priorities will be presented. CornerstoneNH.org/Events
3. **Today is Communion Sunday.** We usually celebrate communion on the first Sunday of each month. We will celebrate before the children are released today.

OUR MISSION & VISION

We **inspire** & **equip** people to follow Jesus **wholeheartedly**,
because we believe that following Jesus makes
life better, makes you better at life,
and brings glory to God.

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YOUR GROWTH GUIDE FOR

CORNERSTONE ON SITE & CORNERSTONE ONLINE

SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2024

“What’s keeping you from living a life of absolute integrity?”

ABSOLUTE INTEGRITY

TODAY'S MESSAGE

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

A STUDY IN _____ – PART SEVEN

TODAY: INTEGRITY • MATTHEW 5:33-37

THE BOTTOM LINE

OATHS ARE _____
FOR A PERSON OF _____ .

But let your 'yes' mean 'yes,' and your 'no' mean 'no.'
Anything more than this is from the evil one.'
– Matthew 5:37 NLT

FULL FILLED // SERMON ON THE MOUNT PART FOUR

**JESUS SHIFTS OUR FOCUS FROM SUPERFICIAL
CONFORMITY TO RADICAL TRANSFORMATION.**

“But I warn you—unless your righteousness is better than the righteousness of the teachers of religious law and the Pharisees, you will never enter the Kingdom of Heaven!”

– Matthew 5:20 NLT

From then on Jesus began to preach, “Repent of your sins and turn to God, for the Kingdom of Heaven is near.

– Matthew 4:17 NLT

**YOU DON'T NEED TO _____ TO
GOD IF YOU _____ WHAT YOU PROMISE.**

"You have also heard that our ancestors were told, 'You must not break your vows; you must carry out the vows you make to the Lord.' – Matthew 5:33 NLT

You must fear the LORD your God and serve him. When you take an oath, you must use only his name. – Deuteronomy 6:13 NLT

You must not have any other god but me. – Exodus 20:3 NLT

**YOU DON'T NEED TO _____
GOD'S CHARACTER IF YOU'RE ALWAYS
_____ GOD'S CHARACTER.**

A man who makes a vow to the LORD or makes a pledge under oath must never break it. He must do exactly what he said he would do. – Numbers 30:2 NLT

"Our father is Abraham!" They declared. "No," Jesus replied, "for if you were really the children of Abraham, you would follow his example." – John 8:39 NLT

In the Bible, speaking of a "child of..." means sharing in the father's nature. Whose name do you bear?

But I say, do not make any vows! – Matthew 5:34a NLT

You must not misuse the name of the LORD your God. The LORD will not let you go unpunished if you misuse his name.
– Exodus 20:7 NLT

Do not say, 'By heaven!' Because heaven is God's throne.
– Matthew 5:34b NLT

This is what the LORD says:

"Heaven is my throne,
and the earth is my footstool.

– Isaiah 66:1 NLT

And do not say, 'By the earth!' because the earth is
his footstool. – Matthew 5:35a NLT

And do not say, 'By Jerusalem!' for Jerusalem is the city of
the great King. – Matthew 5:35b NLT

Mount Zion, the holy mountain, is the city of the great King!
– Psalm 48:2b NLT

Do not even say, 'By my head!' for you can't turn one hair
white or black. – Matthew 5:36 NLT

Can any of you add one moment to his life span by worrying?
– Matthew 6:27 CSB

**IF YOU FEEL THE NEED TO BE
_____ GOD, YOU MAY BE
YOKING UP WITH GOD'S ENEMY.**

But let your 'yes' mean 'yes,' and your 'no' mean 'no.' Anything
more than this is from the evil one. – Matthew 5:37 NLT

When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and
the father of lies. – John 8:44b NIV

NEXT STEP: SAY YES

**ADOPT A _____ OF ABSOLUTE
_____ .**

A key principle for good Biblical interpretation & application is to remember that the Bible is a unified whole: every part of the Bible needs to be considered in light of the whole Bible, and with the understanding that the Bible is not going to contradict itself. We remember and state this with the phrase, "What the Bible teaches is true is true."

When we see that there doesn't seem to be a universal prohibition against vows—promising to tell the truth or to do what we say we'll do—we understand the point of this passage is that...

*"What we have here in Matthew 5:33-37 (cf. James 5:12) is the condemnation of the flippant, profane, uncalled for, and often hypocritical oath, used in order to make an impression or to spice daily conversation. **Over against that evil Jesus commends simple truthfulness in thought, word and deed.**" (Hendrickson 1973: 309)*

Saying "YES" to Jesus? Let us know by checking in on the app, double-circling "say yes" on your Check-In card, or text YES to 603-225-2550. Let us celebrate your decision with you & resource you for your new life in Christ.