

## Message Notes

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The Politics of Jesus  
Life in the Kingdom 2 (Mt. 5:27-37)  
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### Righteousness

- ◆ We're learning to live the \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ way of Jesus' Kingdom.
- ◆ Righteousness = right \_\_\_\_\_ with God.
- ◆ Righteousness has everything to do with the \_\_\_\_\_. (Ez. 11:19; Jer. 31:33; 2 Cor. 5:17; Heb. 8:10)

### The Heart of the Matter

- ◆ Jesus quotes the \_\_\_\_ of the 10 Commandments and upholds the seriousness of \_\_\_\_\_. (Ex. 20; Lev. 10:10; Dt. 5:18, 22:22; Prov. 6:32; Jn. 7)

*But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart. Mt. 5:28*

- ◆ \_\_\_\_\_ = a craving or desire, usually of sexual nature.
- ◆ Take \_\_\_\_\_ measures before \_\_\_\_\_ consequences. (Mt. 5:29)
- ◆ “\_\_\_\_\_ will take you farther than you want to \_\_\_\_; keep you longer than you want to \_\_\_\_; cost you more than you want to \_\_\_\_; and hurt God and others more than words can \_\_\_\_\_.”

*But I say to you that whoever divorces his wife except for sexual unfaithfulness forces her to commit adultery. And whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. Mt. 5:32*

- ◆ Jesus cites \_\_\_\_\_ for grounds for divorce and remarriage. (Mt. 19; 1 Cor. 7:10-11)
- ◆ God permits divorce & remarriage in cases of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Cor. 7:12-15)

*All you need to say is simply 'Yes' or 'No'; Mt. 5:37*

- ◆ Be a man or woman of your \_\_\_\_\_.
- ◆ What \_\_\_\_\_ work is Jesus inviting you into?

## Responses to Jesus' Instruction:

### **Adultery:**

- If you have committed adultery in the past – confess, repent and receive forgiveness.
- If you are currently committing adultery – realize the seriousness of your sin and stop.
- If you have not struggled with this and have never committed adultery – pray.

### **Lust:**

- Practice self-control. (Job 1:31; Gal. 5:22-23)
- Practice life together. (Eph. 5:8-17; James 1:15-16)
- Practice praying and renewing your mind. Rom. 12:1-2; 1 Jn. 1:9)

### **Marriage/Divorce:**

- If you are a divorced follower of Jesus who was divorced and/or remarried on unbiblical grounds – ask God for forgiveness.
- If you are in a healthy marriage – ask God to help you be faithful today and in the future. Ask Him to protect your marriage.
- If your marriage is hanging by a thread, if it is possible – seek reconciliation. Ask God to soften your heart and ask for help.
- If you are trapped in an abusive relationship – leave the relationship and get help immediately!

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