Truth-Tellers

Sermon on the Mount #7

Matthew 5:33-37

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**Introduction:**

As we continue our teaching series on the Sermon on the Mount, I want to remind you of exactly what Jesus is doing in this teaching. You will remember that he begins the sermon by telling us that he did not come to abolish the law but to fulfill it. He is showing how the religious leaders have corrupted and complicated the law and he is giving us a clear understanding of the intentions of the law. So far, he has touched on the sins of hate, lust, and marital corruption and in today’s passage he will tackle the sin of lying.

1. **What is a vow?**
   1. A promise to do something made “before” God or “to” God
   2. It is no light matter

3 Fear the Lord your God, worship him, and take your oaths in his name. 14 Do not follow other gods, the gods of the peoples around you, 15 for the Lord your God, who is among you, is a jealous God. -- Deuteronomy 6:13-15 (CSB)

1. **What is Jesus Confronting?**
   1. Purposeful Dishonesty
   2. Reckless promises

16 “Woe to you, blind guides, who say, ‘Whoever takes an oath by the temple, it means nothing. But whoever takes an oath by the gold of the temple is bound by his oath.’ 17 Blind fools! For which is greater, the gold or the temple that sanctified the gold? -- Matthew 23:16-17 (CSB)

1. **How does this impact me?**
   1. Beware of your Reckless promises
   2. Be honest in all your dealings

37 But let your ‘yes’ mean ‘yes,’ and your ‘no’ mean ‘no.’ Anything more than this is from the evil one. -- Matthew 5:37 (CSB)

**The Big Idea:**

Kingdom Citizens live a life of Honesty