



Hello Again Anchored Hope!

Matthew 6 has some of my favourite verses in the Bible. They are not necessarily the ones I go to for my encouragement but they are where I find reminders of great ways to encourage our loving heavenly Father. Jesus says not only will these actions please your Father, but He will see them and reward you if you believe and follow this way which contradicts the way we naturally think. Take a look through the passage as you review the points below.

Matthew 6:1-18 takes 3 different looks at sneaky ways Christians can slip into pride and 4 clear ways that Jesus wants us to stay out of that subtle trap.

1. Don't tell people how generous you are, just be generous. Avoid letting people even see your generosity if you can (In vs. 19-34 Jesus visits a related theme of why one might be reluctant to be generous).
2. Don't look to impress people with your prayers. (If you look at The Message version, there is a definite attempt to make this passage relevant to our times.) Jesus follows up with the Lord's Prayer as a sample of how to pray. Think of how much it covers in so few words and notice where the focus of most of the prayer is - its on who God is.
3. Include forgiveness in your prayers. I encourage you to dig into the reason given.
4. When you are giving up something for God (perhaps over lent), keep that between you and God. Think about the last time you gave up something so you could focus more on God. How did that help your relationship with Him and how you felt about yourself?

Four short thoughts for your consideration; and for mine.

Your Brother on the Journey,

Glen

Opportunities . . .

Drop off winter clothing for those less fortunate at West Campus winter boots, work boots, gloves, winter coats, scarves, ski pants, warm socks, sweatshirts

There is a growing need for these items amongst the many that Compassionate Ministries helps each week. Drop off inside the north east doors of West Campus, Mondays 6:00-7:15pm, Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:00-11:30 am 4120 Centre St. N.

Seminar, Abortion: Responding as Followers of Jesus - March 20, 9:00am-Noon

Joy Dirks helps us understand the situation in Alberta and Canada and explores how we can respond appropriately to this challenging issue and the many people that are impacted by it. Details and registration at: <https://www.cschurch.ca/event/2021-03-20-abortion-responding-as-followers-of-jesus/>

Plan to bring a friend to Anchored Hope Coffeehouse - The coffee house is a great way to invite a friend to hang out, connect, talk and make space for God conversations. Join us in praying and reaching out to our single friends. The next Coffeehouse is *this* Friday February 26th.

Upcoming Events. . .

Wednesday, February 24 at 7:00pm - Anchored Hope Discipleship Groups Night

If you are in a Discipleship group, you should know what to do. If you have never been part of a group like that, try it soon by emailing your request to anchoredhope@cschurch.ca.

Friday, February 26 at 7:00pm - Community Coffeehouse - Zoom

Another terrific opportunity to invite our single friends and family to get connected to community, even those that may not normally come to church! This is a time to have fun with icebreakers, conversation and activities. This is a great time to be in community. To join Dawn and others at the Zoom meeting using the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82547456890?pwd=Ymw1b28xbXVyZGZKdWtLRmx1R2pOUT09>

Alternatively, you can go to the Zoom App/Website and enter: Meeting ID: 825 4745 6890; Password: 270296. You may also phone to 587-328-1099 and enter the same meeting ID.

Wednesday, March 3 at 7:15pm - Anchored Hope Community Gathering - Zoom

Come for session 4 as Pastor Tim and Christine continue to show us “**How to Maintain Closeness While Physically Distanced**”. Tim will again focus on who we can better relate to others and be a better community.

PRAYER AT 6:45pm. (Same link. Everyone welcome)

Join the Zoom meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85694459549?pwd=ei9FVXZJWGZDOUNyNXowZU04bC8zUT09>

Alternatively, you can go to the Zoom App/Website and enter: Meeting ID: 856 9445 9549; Password: 452740. You may also phone to 587-328-1099 and enter the same meeting ID

Saturday, March 6th at 7:00pm - All Centred Singles Prayer for the Persevering Church - Zoom

You're not just upholding our brothers and sisters in Christ but you will be encouraged by what God is doing around the world in places that we think are less fortunate than us. You can make a difference!

Join the zoom meeting at 7:00pm:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81165756161?pwd=WGxMamQ1RUFIczRTdkZmTGY4b2ZRZz09>

Alternatively, you can go to the Zoom App/Website and enter: Meeting ID: **811 6575 6161**; Password: **866141**. You may also phone to 587-328-1099 and enter the same meeting ID.

Wednesday, March 10 at 7:00pm - Anchored Hope Discipleship Groups Night

The large Community Gatherings is just the start of what Centred Singles has to offer you. There you can get some good teaching and discussion on subjects relevant to all of us, but connections with

people to do life with generally happen in smaller groups where there is more time to build deeper relationships and dig into The Word together. In Anchored Hope, those are our Discipleship Groups. If you have never been part of a group like that, try it soon by emailing your request to anchoredhope@cschurch.ca.

Friday, February 12 at 7:00pm - Community Coffeehouse - Zoom

Invite anyone who wants to hang out over good conversation. Bring people who may never come to church to see Christians can have a normal conversation. Another terrific opportunity to invite our single friends and family to get connected to community!. To join the Zoom meeting use the following link:

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Wednesday, March 17 at 7:15pm - Anchored Hope Community Gathering - Zoom

Come for session 5 as Pastor Tim and Christine continue to show us “**How to Maintain Closeness While Physically Distanced**”. How drawing closer to God draws you closer to people. Come even if you have not been to any of the other sessions in the series, There is always something to take away and always lively group discussions after the talk.

PRAYER AT 6:45pm. (Same link. Everyone welcome)

Join the Zoom meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85694459549?pwd=ei9FVXZJWGZDOUNyNXowZU04bC8zUT09>

Alternatively, you can go to the Zoom App/Website and enter: Meeting ID: 856 9445 9549; Password: 452740. You may also phone to 587-328-1099 and enter the same meeting ID

Wednesday, March 24 at 7:00pm - Anchored Hope Discipleship Groups Night

If you are not in an Anchored Hope Discipleship Group, talk to someone in a group and find out what you are missing. To find a group to join email anchoredhope@cschurch.ca.

Friday, March 26 at 7:00pm - Community Coffeehouse - Zoom

Come for fun, conversation and just to hang out. Bring anyone that will add to the conversation. Don't forget your coffee or other warm winter beverage. To join the Zoom meeting use the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82547456890?pwd=Ymw1b28xbXVyZGZKdWtLRmx1R2pOUT09>

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Discipleship Groups

Join us for our discipleship groups! Discipleship groups are a great way to connect with people and grow deeper in your walk with the Lord. It is an opportunity to talk about real life, study and pray together. If you are in a group you should be hearing from your leader soon. If you are not currently in a discipleship group, please email anchoredhope@cschurch.ca and we would be happy to get you connected to a group.

Having trouble connecting with us on ZOOM? Maybe we can help?

Contact your Discipleship Group leader or email centredingles@cschurch.ca.