

Re-Radicalized

Devotional on the Sermon on the Mount

Week 2

Day 29

Praise (Reflect on what you're grateful for from DAY 28 with the Lord)

Read the text: Matthew 5:33-37 (Jot down words that you want to reflect on)

Ask questions & interpret the context:

- Why do you suppose making an oath can be destructive?
- Consider how Leviticus 19:12, Exodus 20:7 and James 5:12 come into play here.
- Under what circumstances do you see an oath being permissible? (Hint: Court proceedings, weddings)

Summarize: Now take a moment to go back and pour over your observations as well as your responses to the questions.

Engage with God: Bring your thoughts, questions, and desire for change to the Lord for his forgiveness, wisdom, correction, guidance, and direction.

Extra Questions To Consider

1. What is the Lord saying to you personally?
2. What do you need to pray about?
3. With whom does the Lord want you to share this devotional?
4. Who has the Lord placed on your heart to pray for and invite to church?

Digging Deeper

- Why do you suppose the oath, "I swear to God..." is so prevalent?
- How have you felt when someone makes an oath that neither you and also probably God would not be interested in?
- Why do you think you should resist the temptation to make useless oaths?
- Agree/disagree, and why? "It is not the oath that makes us believe than man, but the man the oath."
- How do you see simplicity of speech being the safer path to take? (v.37)
- How is the Lord speaking to you today regarding oaths, outside of the courts and weddings, etc.?