

set free
to seek first

Matthew 6:25-34

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HOW I
LEARNED TO LIVE
A BETTER
STORY

A MILLION MILES IN A

THOUSAND

YEARS

What's the goal of my life right now?

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And what do I want the goal of my life to be?

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- ▶ The Sermon on the Mount:
the wise way to live in light of who God is and what he's
doing in Jesus

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- ▶ 6:1-18: religious practices out of love for God not to impress others
- ▶ 6:19-24: investing fully in everlasting treasure -
“You cannot serve both God and money.”
 - ▶ 6:25-34: “Therefore...”

Jesus comforts our anxieties
to challenge our priorities.

How Jesus comforts our anxieties (v25-30)

- ▶ It's encouragement not condemnation

“Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

Matthew 5:11-12

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Your Father cares about you
and he is utterly able to care for you.

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Is Jesus worth living for?