



FIXED ON JESUS

Make Every Effort – 1/31/2021

OVERVIEW

The effort we make to live at peace with others and our ability to remove bitterness from our lives is directly connected to our ability to experience the grace and holiness of God. Can we lay aside our opinions, our pride, and our stances and embrace the unshakeable truths of Hebrews? Let us lean into the holiness and the grace of Jesus.

Scriptures (NIV): Hebrews 12:14; Matthew 5:43, 6:14-15; Luke 19:41-46

APPLICATION

- “Make every effort” to live in peace. What daily efforts do you make to live in peace with those in your spheres?
- Read Luke 19:41-48. Name the characteristics of Jesus that you see in these verses.
- When you heard Jeremy say, “Before the whip, Jesus wept,” what did that statement mean to you? Have you made the type of effort toward peace that would drive your heart to sob for your enemy, rather than whip?
- Are there any current situations in your life where you have “whipped,” judged, or lashed out in frustration/anger before you really allowed God to soften your heart?
- Is there a next step you need to take to correct the situation you shared above?

NEXT STEP: Think of someone who might have moved you to an instant place of anger, or a people group that frustrates you. Maybe the words anger and frustration are too strong, but think of areas where there are still seeds of bitterness. Take this person, these people, or the situation and fix your eyes on Jesus. Ask Him for a heart like He modeled! Begin by praying for them.