Sermon Notes
August 24, 2025

Romans 12 2 Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

Luke 9 23 Then he said to the crowd, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me. 24 If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it. 25 And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but are yourself lost or destroyed?

Matthew 26 36 Then Jesus went with them to the olive grove called Gethsemane, and he said, "Sit here while I go over there to pray." 37 He took Peter and Zebedee's two sons, James and John, and he became anguished and distressed. 38 He told them, "My soul is crushed with grief to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me." 39 He went on a little farther and bowed with his face to the ground, praying, "My Father! If it is possible, let this cup of suffering be taken away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine."

42 Then Jesus left them a second time and prayed, "My Father! If this cup cannot be taken away unless I drink it, your will be done."

44 So he went to pray a third time, saying the same things again. 45 Then he came to the disciples and said, "Go ahead and sleep. Have your rest. But look—the time has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. 46 Up, let's be going. Look, my betrayer is here!"

Matthew 6 25 “That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life
—whether you have enough food and drink, or enough clothes to wear.
Isn’t life more than food, and your body more than clothing? 26 Look at
the birds. They don’t plant or harvest or store food in barns, for your
heavenly Father feeds them. And aren’t you far more valuable to him
than they are? 27 Can all your worries add a single moment to your life?
28 “And why worry about your clothing? Look at the lilies of the field
and how they grow. They don’t work or make their clothing, 29 yet
Solomon in all his glory was not dressed as beautifully as they are. 30
And if God cares so wonderfully for wildflowers that are here today and
thrown into the fire tomorrow, he will certainly care for you. Why do
you have so little faith? 31 “So don’t worry about these things, saying,
‘What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?’ 32 These
things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father
already knows all your needs. 33 Seek the Kingdom of God above all
else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.
34 “So don’t worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own
worries. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

Proverbs 3 5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on
your own understanding. 6 Seek his will in all you do, and he will show
you which path to take. 7 Don’t be impressed with your own wisdom.
Instead, fear the LORD and turn away from evil. 8 Then you will have
healing for your body and strength for your bones. 9 Honor the Lord
with your wealth and with the best part of everything you produce. 10
Then he will fill your barns with grain, and your vats will overflow with
good wine.

Romans 8 28 And we know that God causes everything to work
together for the good of those who love God and are called according to
his purpose for them.

Action Steps

- Have you confessed your sins and accepted Jesus Christ as your Savior?
- Are you daily taking up your cross to follow Him?
- What area of your life are you allowing to dictate your plans and decisions while inviting God to watch or simply come along?