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📖 **References:** Genesis 1 & 2, Matthew 5:17

4 OUR NEED FOR ESTEEM

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PRAYER OF BLESSING

📖 **References:** Ephesians 3:14-21



reflection questions

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1. Think of the “noise” that comes at us in our busy, secular, culture. Is it a struggle for you to incorporate Jesus’ voice into your day-to-day life?
2. Think of the Jenga tower demonstration from the sermon. Did this bring to mind any areas in your life where your world-view may be weakened because Jesus’ voice is a missing piece?
3. Read Luke 12:22-25. How do you respond to Jesus’ telling his disciples (and us) not to worry about how our physical needs are met? How hard is it for you not to worry?
4. Read Acts 16:22-25. When their personal safety was threatened, Paul and Silas responded by praying and singing to God. When we feel unsafe or threatened, how does our culture tell us to react? How could we learn to react more like Paul and Silas?
5. In Genesis 2 God says it’s not good for us to be alone. How does our culture tell us to meet our need for relationship? How is this different from how God provides for, and meets, this need?
6. Colossians 2:7 tells us to be rooted in Jesus. What practices do you have that help you to be rooted in Jesus enough to “tune out” harmful cultural messages about your identity and worth?

Give it a try! choose one of the following

1. Spend some time in a coffee shop, or other busy location, this week. Observe the conversation and media messages around you. Take some time to think about how that environment would be different if Jesus’ teachings were a part of it.
2. Read the apostle Paul’s prayer in Ephesians 3:14-21 daily this week.



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