

# Maple Springs Baptist Church

## Series: Words to Live By

### Week 8: Order of Importance

Life is full of competing priorities.

Most people don't reject God—they just crowd Him out. Not intentionally. Not rebelliously. Just gradually.

#### Matthew 6:33.

Your Father knows what you need. "Stop chasing lesser things."

#### WHAT DID JESUS ACTUALLY SAY?

- "Seek" — *Zēteite*: passionate pursuit.
- "First" — *Prōton*: first in everything.
- "Kingdom of God" — *Basileia tou Theou*

Make God's rule the organizing principle of your entire life.

#### 1— JESUS CALLS YOU TO A NEW PRIORITY "Seek first..."

You can't seek God 2<sup>nd</sup> and expect kingdom results.

#### 2 — JESUS CALLS YOU TO A NEW PURSUIT "Seek first his kingdom..."

The kingdom is not a place—it is a priority. It is not a destination—it is a direction.

#### 3 — JESUS CALLS YOU TO A NEW WAY OF LIVING "...and His righteousness..."

Righteousness is right living that flows from a right relationship with God.

#### 4 — JESUS GIVES YOU A NEW PROMISE "...and all these things will be added to you."

When Jesus is first, everything else finds its place.

Today, Jesus is calling you to reorder your life around Him. Seek first the kingdom. Seek first His righteousness. Seek first His presence. Seek first His will.

Come. Reconnect. Seek first. Let Jesus charge what life has drained.