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“Making a Difference through Integrity”
Matthew 5: 33-37
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“Again, you have heard that it was said to our ancestors, you must not break your oath, but you must keep your oaths to the Lord. ³⁴ But I tell you, don’t take an oath at all: either by heaven, because it is God’s throne; ³⁵ or by the earth, because it is His footstool; or by Jerusalem, because it is the city of the great King. ³⁶ Neither should you swear by your head, because you cannot make a single hair white or black. ³⁷ But let your word ‘yes’ be ‘yes,’ and your ‘no’ be ‘no.’ Anything more than this is from the evil one.” Matthew 5: 33-37

1) Even good practices can erode into bad with time

“You must not break your oath,”

2) Testing the limits of integrity can result in calamity

“don’t take an oath at all either by heaven...earth.... Jerusalem...your head.”

3) Let your word be your bond

“But let your word ‘yes’ be ‘yes,’ and your ‘no’ be ‘no.’”

4) Allow your integrity to shine in a dark world

“In the same way, let your light shine before men, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.” (Matthew 5:16)

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