



YOUR KINGDOM COME

A 'SERMON ON THE MOUNT'
DEVOTIONAL





WELCOME TO THE JOURNEY

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In December 2019, I was given the opportunity by our FMC Elders and my wonderful wife to take a ‘spiritual retreat.’ During these five days away, I did not have any responsibilities with my family or our church. Neither did I have the distractions of entertainment, email, children or chores. The goal was to reconnect with the Lord for the sake of renewing my soul and knowing Him better. I was blessed with hours of prayer, fasting, exercise, reading and silence. And...my soul was renewed!

Now, I recognize that such retreats are not possible for many people. I also recognize that my version of a spiritual retreat may sound like unnecessary torture to others. We all have different personalities and ways of renewing our soul. However, that retreat afforded me the opportunity to meditate upon the ‘Sermon on the Mount’ from Matthew 5-7 in a way that I had never done before. That experience was so rich that I want to give you the opportunity to do something similar.

From the earliest days of the church, the ‘Sermon on the Mount’ has been memorized, studied, taught, and preached more than any other single portion of the Bible ¹. Matthew 5-7 paints a picture of what life under God’s rule (the Kingdom of God) looks like.

In these glorious chapters, Jesus describes that a ***greater righteousness*** is required for people to experience true life (Matt 5:20). This greater righteousness is not burdensome, but is life-giving wholeness which flows into daily life from out of the abundance of the heart. Jesus is inviting his hearers (including you and I right now) to become ***whole-person disciples*** ².

During this summer, I invite you to intentionally take time to read, reflect, linger and listen to these powerful words from Jesus. Quotes from various Christian leaders are provided as ‘walking companions’ but only to keep you focused on the King in case your mind wanders too far away.

Space is also provided for you to re-write the text, write a prayer or simply by get your thoughts out of your mind and onto paper. I know that journaling is not for everyone. However, meditating upon God’s Word is! Personally, I have just found that mediation is much easier with a pen and paper nearby. I want to remember what God has shown me!

I encourage you, even challenge you, to take this booklet as an invitation to your own version of a spiritual retreat, moments at a time. Please, keep your normal, daily Scriptural habits going! But **consider meditating upon these passages one per week throughout this summer.** Think upon these passages and keep coming back to them. Perhaps even considering memorizing portions, or phrases, during the week.

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to disrupt our normal habits, would you consider making a commitment to grow in the Lord like never before? Your soul will be delighted by connecting with the King who adopts spiritual orphans and anoints them as co-heirs under His reign. Jesus is ready to show you more of His kingdom for your real, daily life.

Are you ready?

- PSALM 1:1-2 –

*“Blessed is the one
who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked
or stand the way of sinners
or sit in the seat of scoffers;
but delights in the instruction of the Lord
and meditates upon it day and night.”*



MATTHEW 5:1-6

English Standard Version ³

- ¹ Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.
- ² And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:
- ³ Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- ⁴ Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
- ⁵ Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
- ⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

- A. W. TOZER -

The Pursuit of God, 1948 ⁴

*“The way to deeper knowledge of God
is through the lonely valleys of soul poverty
and giving up of all things.*

*The blessed ones who possess the kingdom
are they who have repudiated every external thing
and have rooted from their hearts all sense of possessing.”*



MATTHEW 5:7-12

- ⁷ Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
- ⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
- ⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
- ¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- ¹¹ Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.
- ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

- A. W. TOZER -

The Pursuit of God, 1948

*“The gentle man is not a human mouse
afflicted with a sense of his own inferiority.*

*Rather, he may be in his moral life
as bold as a lion and as strong as Samson;
but he has stopped being fooled about himself.
He has accepted God’s estimate of his own life.*

*He knows he is weak and helpless as God has declared him to be,
but paradoxically, he knows at the same time
that he is, in the sight of God, of more importance than angels.
In himself, nothing; in God, everything.”*



MATTHEW 5:13-16

- ¹³ You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.
- ¹⁴ You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.
- ¹⁵ Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house.
- ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

- A. W. TOZER -

The Pursuit of God, 1948

*“If we cooperate with Him in loving obedience,
God will manifest Himself to us
and that manifestation will be the difference
between nominal Christian life
and a life radiant with the light of His face.”*

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Is there a situation in your life where fear is overtaking your loving witness for the King?



MATTHEW 5:17-20

- ¹⁷ Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.
- ¹⁸ For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished.
- ¹⁹ Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.
- ²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

- CHARLES H. SPURGEON ⁵ -

The Bible, sermon on March 18, 1855

*“Oh, book of books! And was thou written by my God?
Then will I bow before thee. Thou book of vast authority! ...
Come thou, my reason, my intellect, sit thou down and listen,
for these words are the words of God.
I do not know how to enlarge on this thought.
Oh! if you could ever remember
that this Bible was actually and really written by God ...
This Bible is a book of authority;
it is an authorized book; for God has written it.
Oh! tremble, lest any of you despise it;
mark its authority, for it is the Word of God.”*



MATTHEW 5:21-26

- ²¹ You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’
- ²² But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire.
- ²³ So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you,
- ²⁴ leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.
- ²⁵ Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison.
- ²⁶ Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

- CHARLES H. SPURGEON -

Herein is Love, sermon on February 18, 1883

“Our love ought to follow the love of God in one point, namely, in always seeking to produce reconciliation.

It was to this end that God sent His son. Has anybody offended you? Seek reconciliation. “Oh, but I am the offended party.” So was God, and he went straight away and sought reconciliation ...

You are one of those basins of the fountain: love has poured into you from above, let it run over to those who are below.”

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Reflect upon your tendencies towards anger and your desire for true reconciliation. What is the Holy Spirit showing you?



MATTHEW 5:27-30

- ²⁷ You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’
- ²⁸ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart.
- ²⁹ If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell.
- ³⁰ And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.

- A. W. TOZER -

The Pursuit of God, 1948

“Let the inquiring Christian trample under foot every slippery trick of his deceitful heart and insist upon frank and open relations with the Lord.”



MATTHEW 5:31-32

- ³¹ It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’
- ³² But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

1 CORINTHIANS 7:10-15

- ¹⁰ To the married I give this charge (not I, but the Lord): the wife should not separate from her husband
- ¹¹ (but if she does, she should remain unmarried or else be reconciled to her husband), and the husband should not divorce his wife.
- ¹² To the rest I say (I, not the Lord) that if any brother has a wife who is an unbeliever, and she consents to live with him, he should not divorce her.
- ¹³ If any woman has a husband who is an unbeliever, and he consents to live with her, she should not divorce him.
- ¹⁴ For the unbelieving husband is made holy because of his wife, and the unbelieving wife is made holy because of her husband. Otherwise your children would be unclean, but as it is, they are holy.
- ¹⁵ But if the unbelieving partner separates, let it be so. In such cases the brother or sister is not enslaved. God has called you to peace.



EPHESIANS 5:21-33

- ²¹ submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.
- ²² Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.
- ²³ For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior.
- ²⁴ Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.
- ²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her,
- ²⁶ that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,
- ²⁷ so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.
- ²⁸ In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.
- ²⁹ For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church,
- ³⁰ because we are members of his body.
- ³¹ “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.”
- ³² This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.
- ³³ However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.



MATTHEW 5:33-37

- ³³ Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.’
- ³⁴ But I say to you, Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God,
- ³⁵ or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King.
- ³⁶ And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black.
- ³⁷ Let what you say be simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything more than this comes from evil.

- PETER RIEDEMANN ⁶-

Anabaptist bishop & missionary, 1542

*“Now it cannot be denied, for it is clear to all men,
that God desires from us Christians a true worship performed
in spirit and truth and more perfect than the service of the old covenant.
Therefore we are not only not to forswear ourselves,
but we are not to swear at all.
Christ thereby teaches us to give and ascribe honor to God alone,
and to humble ourselves before him,
as those who themselves, can do nothing...
Thus, it is evident that on account of our weakness
and un-profitableness we swear not,
for we will not rob God of his honor.”*

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*“Let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak” (James 1;19).
How are you careful or careless with your words and/or promises?*



MATTHEW 5:38-48

- ³⁸ You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’
- ³⁹ But I say to you, Do not resist the one who is evil. But if anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also.
- ⁴⁰ And if anyone would sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well.
- ⁴¹ And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles.
- ⁴² Give to the one who begs from you, and do not refuse the one who would borrow from you.
- ⁴³ You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’
- ⁴⁴ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,
- ⁴⁵ so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.
- ⁴⁶ For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same?
- ⁴⁷ And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same?
- ⁴⁸ You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

- MICHAEL SATTLER ⁷ -
Schleitheim Confession, 1527

*“The worldly are armed with steel and iron,
but Christians are armed with the armor of God,
with truth, righteousness, peace, faith, salvation, and with the Word of God.”*



MATTHEW 6:1-4

- ¹ **Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them** [theme for Chapter 6], for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.
- ² Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward.
- ³ But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing,
- ⁴ so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

- CHARLES H. SPURGEON -

Faith's Checkbook, book published in 1888

*“Give so often and so much as a matter of course,
that you no more take note that you have helped the poor
than that you have eaten your regular meals. . . .*

*Here and hereafter the Lord, Himself,
will personally see to the rewarding of the secret giver of alms.
This will be in His own way and time; and He will choose the very best.
How much this promise means it will need eternity to reveal.”*



MATTHEW 6:5-6, 7:7-11

- ⁵ And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward.
- ⁶ But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

MATTHEW, CHAPTER 7

- ⁷ Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.
- ⁸ For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.
- ⁹ Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone?
- ¹⁰ Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent?
- ¹¹ If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

- CHARLES H. SPURGEON -
Knock, sermon on May 27, 1883

*“Praying is not an end, it is only a means.
Knocking is not the ultimatum; you must enter in.”*



MATTHEW 6:7-15

- ⁷ And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words.
- ⁸ Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.
- ⁹ Pray then like this: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
- ¹⁰ Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
- ¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread,
- ¹² and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.
- ¹³ And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
- ¹⁴ For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you,
- ¹⁵ but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

- A. W. TOZER -

The Pursuit of God, 1948

*“Let any man turn to God in earnest,
let him begin to exercise himself into godliness,
let him seek to develop his powers of spiritual receptivity
by trust and obedience and humility
and the results will exceed anything he may have hoped
in his leaner and weaker days.”*

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What does the Lord's Prayer emphasize?
Consider using Jesus' 'example prayer'
as a cue to broaden your own prayer life.



MATTHEW 6:16-18

- ¹⁶ And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward.
- ¹⁷ But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face,
- ¹⁸ that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

- A. W. TOZER -

The Pursuit of God, 1948

*“We must simplify our approach to Him.
We must strip down to essentials...
We must put away all effort to impress
and come with the guileless candor of childhood.
If we do this, without doubt, God will respond.”*



MATTHEW 6:19-24

- ¹⁹ Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal,
²⁰ but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.
²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
²² The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light,
²³ but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!
²⁴ No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

- A. W. TOZER -

The Pursuit of God, 1948

*“Everything is safe which we commit to Him
and nothing is really safe which is not so committed.”*

“The man who has God for His treasure has all things in one.”



MATTHEW 6:25-34

- ²⁵ Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?
- ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?
- ²⁷ And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life?
- ²⁸ And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin,
- ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.
- ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?
- ³¹ Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’
- ³² For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all.
- ³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.
- ³⁴ Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.



MATTHEW 7:1-6

- ¹ Judge not, that you be not judged.
- ² For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you.
- ³ Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?
- ⁴ Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when there is the log in your own eye?
- ⁵ You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.
- ⁶ Do not give dogs what is holy, and do not throw your pearls before pigs, lest they trample them underfoot and turn to attack you.

- CHARLES H. SPURGEON -

Hypocrisy, sermon on February 6, 1859

*"I have always noticed that hypocrites watch for the little things,
they are always searching out little points of difference,
and yet they themselves have neglected
the more important matters of the law,
and while they are so particular about the tithe of mint and cumin,
yet they horde wheat and other commodities in their own barns.*

*Always suspect yourself
when you are more careful about little things
than about great things."*



MATTHEW 7:12-20

- ¹² So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.
- ¹³ Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many.
- ¹⁴ For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.
- ¹⁵ Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves.
- ¹⁶ You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles?
- ¹⁷ So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit.
- ¹⁸ A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit.
- ¹⁹ Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.
- ²⁰ Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.

- MENNO SIMONS ⁸ -
1539

*“For true evangelical faith is of such a nature
that it cannot lie dormant.”
but manifests itself in all righteousness and works of love.”*



MATTHEW 7:21-23

- ²¹ Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.
- ²² On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’
- ²³ And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’

- A. W. TOZER -

The Pursuit of God, 1948

*“While the imagination races ahead to honor God,
the will may lag behind
and the man may never guess how divided his heart is.
The whole man must make the decision
before the heart can know any real satisfaction.
God wants us all, and He will not rest until He gets us all.
No part of the man will do.”*



MATTHEW 7:24-27

- ²⁴ Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock.
- ²⁵ And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock.
- ²⁶ And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand.
- ²⁷ And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.

- CHARLES H. SPURGEON -

The Two Builders and Their Houses, sermon on February 27, 1870

“The Christian rests peacefully upon Christ.

Troubles come one after another, but they do not sweep him away, they only endear to him the hope which is based upon Christ Jesus.

And when at last death comes,

that awful flood which will undermine everything that can be removed, it cannot find anything to shake in the wise builder’s hope.

He rests on what Christ has done; death cannot affect that.”



FOOTNOTES

- ¹ This statement regarding the use of the ‘Sermon on the Mount’ throughout history comes from Dr. Jonathan T. Pennington, the associate professor of New Testament Interpretation at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.
- ² This also comes from Dr. Pennington in his ‘Sermon on the Mount’ journal, published by SBTS Press in 2019 for The Gospel Coalition conference attendees.
- ³ Scripture quotations come from the English Standard Version (ESV), Copyright © 2001 by Crossway Publishers. If you find this version a little too challenging to read, look up the newly revised Christian Standard Bible (CSB).
- ⁴ Aiden Wilson Tozer was a self-education pastor, author, and magazine editor from Akron (OH) who ministered in North America during the first half of the twentieth century. He was connected with the Christian Missionary Alliance for much of his pastorate. His most popular book, *The Pursuit of God*, was published in 1948 and will be quoted through this study. Tozer’s 128 page book is now published by Aneko Press and is available as a free ebook on Amazon and other book distributors.

- ⁵ Charles Haddon Spurgeon was a Baptist pastor who ministered in London during the 19th century. He is widely known for his deep theology and vivid sermon illustrations. Thousands of His sermons can be read at Spurgeon.org. Also, Pastor Aaron has a few printed volumes if you are interested reading sermons in a book.
- ⁶ Peter Riedemann was a missionary and leader among those who would become ‘Hutterites’ during the first half of the 16th century. He died in prison in Slovakia after contributing to the European Anabaptist movement for twenty-seven years.
- ⁷ Michael Sattler is considered to be one of the most remarkable Anabaptist leaders during the Protestant Reformation in Germany during the 16th century. His leadership helped to solidify the first Anabaptist confession of faith at Schleithem Germany on February 24, 1527. Sattler was brutally tortured and publically martyred later that year for his dependency upon the authority of the Scriptures. Remnants of the seven articles from the “*Schleithem Confession*” can be found in our “*Confession of Faith in a Mennonite Perspective*.”
- ⁸ Menno Simons was a Dutch, Roman Catholic priest who joined the Anabaptist movement in the 16th century. At that time, various groups of Anabaptists throughout Switzerland and Germany were looking for wisdom and leadership to balance out extremism in their midst. Menno withdrew from the Catholic priesthood and reluctantly assumed the role of an Elder among Anabaptists. Although much of his work was directed at addressing Biblical accountability and discipline in the local church, Menno’s sermons and published writings repeatedly called Christians to return to following the Jesus of The Gospels.



I can neither teach nor live
by the faith of others.
I must live by my own faith
as the Spirit of the Lord has taught me
through His Word.

- MENNO SIMONS -
November 12, 1556