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Sermon – Repent, for the end is near! *Week ONE of Two*

Scripture – Mathew 6:25-34, Luke 15-34

Main Message – Repentance is vital, but what might you need to repent of to put first the Kingdom of Heaven.

I was bored one night and watched a bit of the movie 2012. It's a doomsday movie where the world gets destroyed, blah blah blah. Man of course managed to save themselves, sorta, but only the rich ones and super clever ones and a few pieces of art. During the movie a homeless looking guy had on one of those signs that said, "Repent, the end is near." I said to myself, now that's a great message to give, so here it is.

One day if a person is wearing one of those sandwich signs that says that the end of the world is near, they will be right. In another sense, they are always right, because the end of this world is potentially only a moment away for all of us. The end is always near for those who are consumed by the things of this world.

Read Mathew 6:25-34 – People who are consumed by things they want, things they worry about, what tomorrow may bring, and the key word is consumed, then the end is very near to them. They should do what Jesus told them to do. **SEEK FIRST** the kingdom of heaven and **HIS** righteousness.

Read Luke 12:15-34 – Take this message to heart. How many times I have heard of a person who slaved, worked hard, saved everything, only to retire and take his ease, and dies within the year. ~~This is the futility of life and chasing after things.~~ **SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN** and **HIS** righteousness.

Repentance is different for everyone. A part of the pastor's role is to stir up your mind towards things you need to repent of. That means, to feel sorrow for some ungodly behavior and turn away from it, change course if you will. It is simple as that.

What you may need to repent of is the thing the Holy Spirit may convict you of. Don't ask me if you should repent from this or that, because my answer must always be yes! You brought it up, so your heart has already told you. But what will you do about it.

For those of you who are "retired" what might you need to repent of? Did your mind just go somewhere? Meditate upon that and pray and **SEEK** the **KINGDOM** of Heaven and it will be alright.

Change for most of us doesn't happen overnight. Its because we are stubborn, but we will certainly benefit greatly from introspection, because it has always been true that we need to **REPENT**, because the end is near!

A challenging question to answer is this as we get older. Am I here in the flesh still because God wants me to even now at this late hour repent of something?