

Sermon Title: Living for God's Kingdom

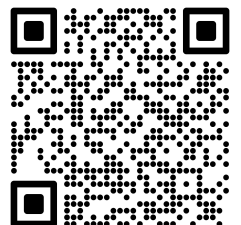
Sermon Text: Matthew 6:9-10

Date: May 10, 2026

SERMON NOTES:

QUESTIONS:

1. What stood out to you from the sermon or your time with God this week?
2. Sam pointed out that Jesus opens the Lord's Prayer with "Our Father" because, through Jesus, we are adopted into God's family (see Romans 8:15 and Galatians 4:6). Do you call God "Father"? What impact does that have on the way you pray?
3. Watch the Bible Project video on the third commandment. What do you think it means to carry God's name? What does it mean to treat His name as holy?



4. We often say God's kingdom is "already but not yet" here. Scholar N.T. Wright explains it with the example of King David¹. God anointed David as king long before he actually took the throne. In that gap, the old king, Saul, still ruled and David was being pursued by Saul's army. Was David king? Yes and no. We live in that same gap — Jesus has been crowned King and His kingdom has begun, but the kingdoms of the world have not yet been fully brought under his rule (Ps 110). How does this context help you understand Matthew 6:10?

5. Do you think praying "Your will be done" is mainly about surrendering your desires or trusting God to fulfill them the right way?

CASE STUDY:

Jordan, 24, is a passionate follower of Jesus. She's involved in young adult ministry and serves with the kids ministry. She also wants to be married, and prays about it constantly. Last week, a guy at church asked her out, but after getting coffee, she turned him down. She got lunch with her mom to catch up:

"So tell me about that church boy you were talking about last week — how was coffee?"

"It was good, he's sweet. I just don't know if it's from God," Jordan says, stirring her coffee. "There's things I like about him, but I just don't know how to tell what's God's will. I want to put God first and let Him bring the right person and have it all click. If it's right, I'll feel it. I don't want to force something that isn't meant to be."

Her mom smiles softly. "Sweetie, I love that you want to honor God with this. But sometimes hesitation isn't God closing a door — it's just fear or anxiety. Sometimes we have to lean into the uncomfortable.

Remember when we studied Ruth together? Her husband died and she went with her mother-in-law to another country. She was bold and pursued her heart, trusting God to guide her, and she met and married Boaz. Knowing God's will isn't about knowing ahead of time what to do — it's about loving God, living boldly, and trusting Him to direct you along the way!"

What do you think? What would you say to Jordan? How can you tell if something is God's will or not?

¹ N. T. Wright, *Simply Jesus: A New Vision of Who He Was, What He Did, and Why He Matters* (2011), 116–17.