## Sermon Notes


## This Morning's Sermon Summary

This sermon, teaches that Christians are called to endure personal wrongs without seeking revenge. Using Atticus Finch's restraint in To Kill a Mockingbird as an illustration, the preacher contrasts the Old Testament law of "an eye for an eye" with Jesus' command to "turn the other cheek." While civil and church authorities are right to uphold justice, individual believers are forbidden to retaliate personally. Followers of Christ must suffer evil because vengeance belongs to God, because God rewards the meek and persecuted, and because Christ himself exemplified patient suffering. The sermon concludes with practical applications—urging believers to trust in God's justice and rewards, to overcome evil with good, and to view patient endurance as a life-giving testimony that can lead others to faith, just as Jesus' own suffering brought salvation.

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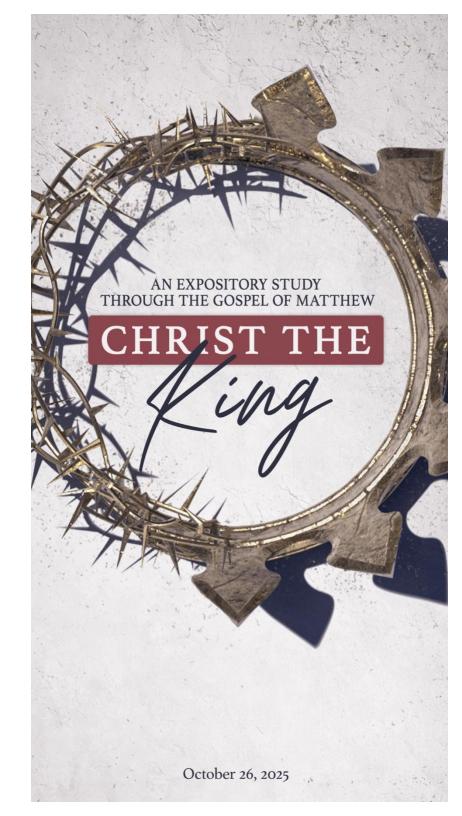
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## Ways to Connect:

- Harvest Festival Harvest Festival is this Friday. There is a bin in the back of the auditorium for those of you who would like to donate candy for the Harvest Festival. Join us for this special evening this Friday, October 31st from 5:30-8pm. We will have carnival games, a jumping balloon, outdoor games, s'mores, hot dogs and more for sale! And of course, candy! Please sign up at the sign-up center if you can help.
- Harvest Festival Cake Walk Please bring your best decorated cakes for the Harvest Festival by 5pm this Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. There will be a contest for the best-looking cake and a prize for the winner.

#### Connect with Christ and His Church

#### **Visitor Card Online Form**

If this is your first time at Hillcrest, and you haven't filled out a visitor card, you can do so at <a href="hillcrestbaptist.cc/visitor">hillcrestbaptist.cc/visitor</a>, or by scanning this QR code. Thank you!



#### Life-stage Adult Sunday School Classes

9:00 am

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College and Career: Singles Homebuilders: Couples 30's-40's Ambassador's: Seniors Passionate for Christ: Ladies Men for the Master: Men Family Foundations: Couples 20's-30's Cornerstone: Couples 40's-50's Berean Bible Study: Adults Hearts for God: Ladies Watchmen in Warfare: Men Teens: 7th through 12th grade

10:30 am



# Ways to Grow:

- Deployed/Deploying Soldiers If you know someone from Hillcrest that just returned from being deployed within the last year, is currently deployed, or is about to be deployed in the next year, please sign them up at the front table by November 5<sup>th</sup>. We would like to recognize them during our Veteran's Day service.
- Prayer Partner We are asking for volunteers to pray for the deployed and deploying soldiers. We will assign a soldier to you, to pray for daily throughout their deployment. The list is in the foyer.
- Time Change Time change will be next Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Don't forget to set your clocks so you don't miss church.



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- Teen Café Our annual Chili Cook-off is after the service this evening.
- Veteran's Day Service We will have a combined worship service at 10:30am on Sunday, November 9th, to recognize and celebrate all of our veterans. Also, we will have a lunch for all veterans and their families following the service. If you plan to attend, please fill out the insert in today's bulletin and place it in the offering plate or go online at https://hillcrestbaptist.cc/lunchrsvp by November 5th. Also, immediately following the lunch, we will have our evening service in the gym for all of Hillcrest beginning at 1pm. There will be no 6pm service.

## Serve Through Giving



Offerings can be given through our website or app.

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#### Visitation Meeting

- Saturday Morning......9:30 am

#### Prayer Meeting

- Sunday Morning Men's Prayer Breakfast......7:30 am
- Wednesday Prayer Time......5:30 pm
  Wednesday Night Missions.....Each Wednesday night

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