

# the end of me

*Where Real Life in the Upside-Down Ways of Jesus Begins*

January 2021

## Remaining In Christ, Today:

- As we leave 2020 and all the highs and lows in the preverbal dust, one thing is clear; not everyone knows how to really live. With 2021 approaching, fear, worry, and doubt are undoubtedly working on frightening us, driving us away from Jesus, one another, and our OIKOS. Family, we must look to Jesus, listening intently to His voice, remembering what He warned and inspired His disciples against in John 10:10, *"They will come in and go out, and find pasture. **10** The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life and have it to the full."* The truth is, everyone dies, but not everyone knows Jesus and how to live life and life to the full. To this end, we will take 2021, one day at a time, devoting ourselves to prayer, fasting, and spurring one another on towards God's unique purpose for your life, and by God's grace, as 2021 comes to an end, you will know how invaluable and needed you are in the Great Co-Mission with Christ and the church. So, how will we start the New Year?

On Sunday, January 10, 2021, we will set aside time to "break bread, donuts, and bagels" as we read and discuss the supremacy of Christ found in the Book of Colossians. In this way, the early church lived out communion as they spurred one another on towards love and good deeds. We will be asking every Disciple to bring a breakfast item - nothing fancy - to share during communion. Above all, please come ready to share your faith, as our early brothers and sisters did.

## Sermon Overview:

- Are you sometimes perplexed with Jesus' teachings? Do we want what He wants? Do we take His teaching seriously? This series will help us discover the keys to the abundant life Jesus promised, which lies in embracing His inside-out way of life.

Together we will examine Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, unpacking the many counter-intuitive truths: brokenness is the way to wholeness, mourning is the path to blessing, and emptiness is required in order to know true fullness. Ultimately, we will discover how Jesus transforms us as we begin to live out these paradoxical principles. Only when we come to the end of ourselves can we begin to experience life and life to the full that Jesus offers.

## OMI 2021 Kick Off

- **Overview:** On Sunday, January 3, 2021, the TV family will join with our brothers and sisters from Oregon and Montana for a time of fellowship, prayer, and encouragement as we kick off 2021 together as one family in Christ.
- **Date and Time:** Sunday, January 3, 2021 from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm.

## The End of Me - Broken to be Whole.

- **Date:** Sunday, January 10, 2021
  - Communion breakfast and discussion. Colossians 1
  - Read Matthew 5:3; Luke 7: 36-50
  - Watch Episode #1
  - Closing response. Frank W and Chris C

## The End of Me - Mourn to be Happy.

- **Date:** Sunday, January 17, 2021
  - Communion breakfast and discussion. Colossians 2
  - Read Matthew 5:4
  - Watch Episode #2
  - Closing response. Zo Burton and Sean O

## The End of Me - Authentic to be Accepted.

- **Date:** Sunday, January 24, 2021
  - Communion breakfast and discussion. Colossians 3
  - Read Matthew 5:8; 23:5
  - Watch Episode #3
  - Closing response. Jason A and Todd H

## The End of Me - Empty to be Filled.

- **Date:** Sunday, January 31, 2021
  - Communion breakfast and discussion. Colossians 4
  - Read Matthew 5:6
  - Watch Episode #4
  - Closing response. Bill C and Ryan R