

The Way of the Kingdom | Colton Foster - 11/10/24

## Living By Your Word

Matthew 5:33-37

The Hebrew word for *vow* = *ned̄er* = A promise directly to the LORD.

The Hebrew word for *oath* = *shovu'a* = A promise to another person on the name of the LORD.

Numbers 30:2 / Exodus 20:7

<sup>21</sup> *If you make a vow to the Lord your God, do not be slow to pay it, for the Lord your God will certainly demand it of you and you will be guilty of sin.* <sup>22</sup> *But if you refrain from making a vow, you will not be guilty.* **Deuteronomy 23:21-22** NIV

Holes in [promises](#) lead to holes in [relationships](#).

<sup>33</sup> *But I tell you, do not swear an oath at all...* <sup>37</sup> *All you need to say is simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.* **Matthew 5:33/37** NIV

Stop making [excuses](#), and start making [efforts](#).

*The integrity of the upright guides them, but the unfaithful are destroyed by their duplicity.* **Proverbs 11:3** NIV

**Next Week:** Kittrick Foster on Vengeance - Matt.5:38-42

## TALK IT OVER

Discuss these questions with someone – maybe a family member, friend, or member of your LifeGroup. Use a communication method that works best for your situation.

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1. What oaths and promises have you made in your life? What binds you to those promises?
2. Read Deuteronomy 23:21-22 and Proverbs 11:3. What are the consequences of breaking our vows?
3. Think of a time when someone broke their promise to you. Did they give an excuse? Was it a valid one?
4. Read Matthew 5:33-37. How do you think Jesus wanted us to live when he said these things?
5. What are some ways to ensure that you do not break your word?

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**November Memory Verse:** <sup>44</sup>But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, **Matthew 5:44**