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## Scripture Passages

(taken from the New International Version)

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@TGC\_IO: #PrayforNepal “My heart is sad but God is in control. Many trained leaders have been lost. Pray that God opens hearts.” Nepali pastor

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Equipping Saints for Ministry: [es4m.org](http://es4m.org)



## 2 Corinthians 5:17-20

17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! 18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: 19 that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. 20 We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.

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## Peacemakers at Hope Academy

Greetings!

**Two Hope Academy staff were recently recognized by the City of Minneapolis for the peacemaking work they've done.**



Fifth grade teacher Dawn Tyler was nominated for, and Upper School Administrative Assistant Jacy Hildreth was awarded, the **2015 Minneapolis Peacemakers Award.**

In the midst of increasing turmoil at home and abroad, we thank God for their outstanding examples--and for the many other staff who are committed to sowing seeds of peace in our city. Join us in praying God will use these efforts to produce a harvest of righteousness in our community and beyond.

The Gospel of  
**LUKE**

The King and His Kingdom  
Luke 3:21 to Luke 9:50

# The Greatest Sermon Ever Preached



~ **Carl Heinrich Bloch (1834–1890)**

*The Sermon On the Mount*, 1877

oil on copper

104 × 92 cm (40.9 × 36.2 in)

Museum of National History at Frederiksborg  
Castle

# The Greatest Sermon Ever Preached

## *Part One*

Your **SOUL**'s happiness is set on Jesus (Luke 6:20-26)

## *Part Two*

Your **HEART** is filled with love for all (Luke 6:27-36)

## *Part Three*

Your **RELATIONSHIPS** are generous (Luke 6:37-42)

## *Part Four*

Your **BELIEFS** have solid foundations (Luke 6:43-49)

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**Honor and Obligation in the 1<sup>st</sup> century**



It is critical to recognize, then, the basis on which these elders appeal to Jesus for assistance. They do not employ the language of kinship or need, nor do they frame their request with any language that one might regard as harmonious with the new dispositions and behaviors Jesus has outlined in the preceding chapter (esp. 6:27–38).

Instead, they assume and propagate the insider-outsider categories of honor and obligation prevalent throughout the Empire. Their words betray their captivity to a world system whose basis and practices run counter to the mercy of God.

Joel B. Green,  
*The Gospel of Luke*,  
The New International Commentary on the New Testament



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No reason is given for this sense of unworthiness. To claim that this feeling of unworthiness was due to a sense of depravity, a sense of immorality, being a Gentile, a recognition of the contrast between himself and Jesus, or a sense of defilement is purely speculative.

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The centurion explained his faith in Jesus by giving an illustration of authority. If the centurion with his authority could simply order certain things done, how much more could Jesus as “Lord” do the same... True faith realizes that God can heal apart from rituals, special ointments, touch, or monetary gifts to the healer.

The centurion recognized that all Jesus needed to say was a single word. His faith in Jesus was absolute and unlimited. Even a single word from the Lord spoken at a distance could heal his servant, for the Spirit of the Lord was present with Jesus to heal.

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# Jesus' Mission Statement

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# The American struggle with authority



So yesterday we arrived at 6:30 am with a surgery start time scheduled for 8:30am. Our children were with us, in person or spirit and we kissed our beloved husband and father goodbye as he was wheeled into the OR. The kids and I huddled together in prayer on his behalf, asking God for the very best outcome... and if not... our God is still our God... We waited patiently in the ICU waiting room for Ken to be admitted in his room and then we could see him with our own eyes.

We waited ...waited.....waited and then a nurse came in and told us Ken is arresting and the Doctors are working very hard to correct is failing heart. We fell to our knees and cried out to the Greatest Physician for His intervention...This was not the outcome we had hoped for but it is the path our Sovereign God has allowed. We could visit Ken for brief moments. He is unresponsive and brings us to tears as we see our strong dad and husband clinging to life. But God is still God on the throne ...and He is our God!

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