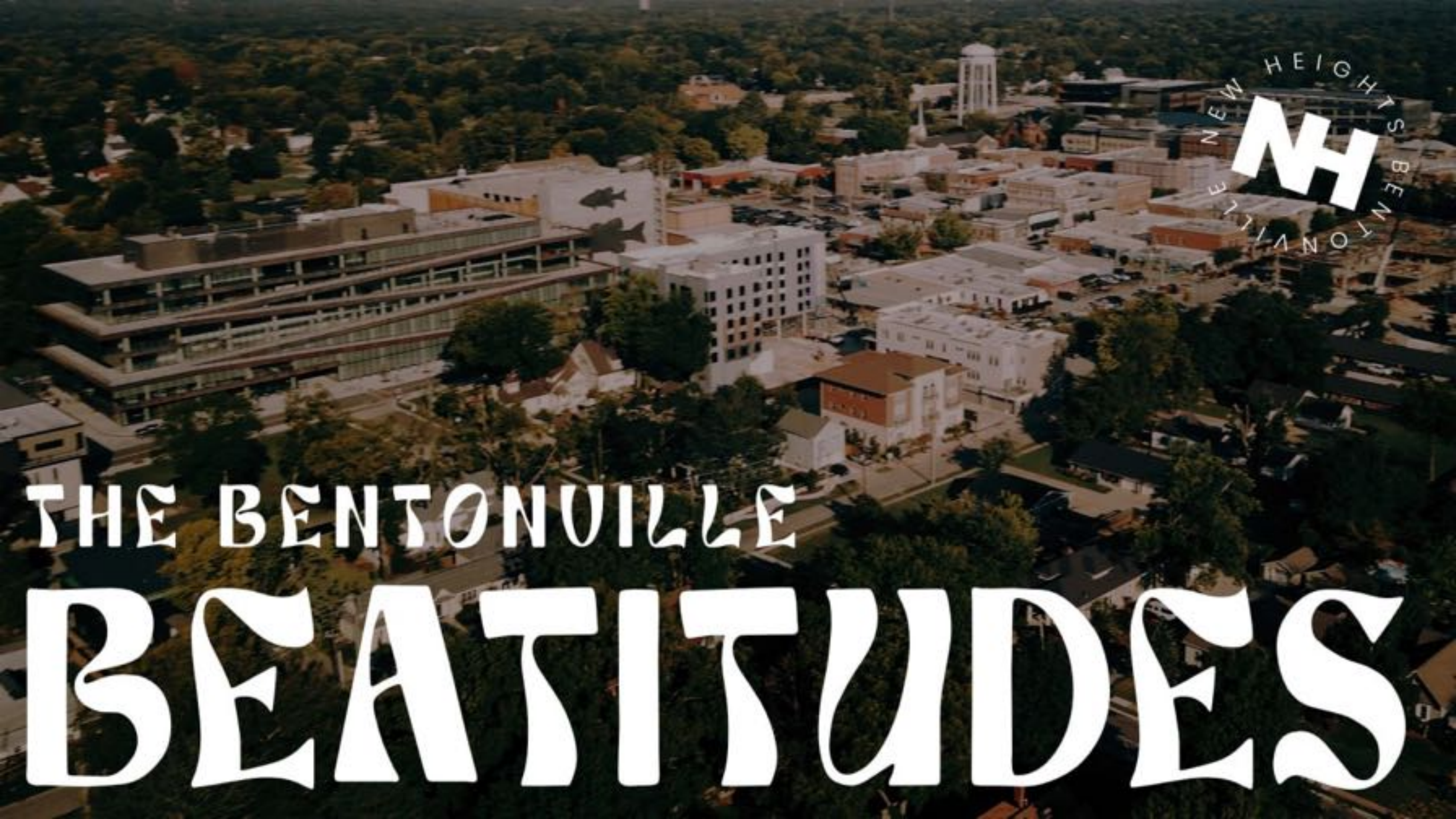


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Control

Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? 26 Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? 27 Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? 28 “And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. 29 Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. 30 If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? 31 So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ 32 For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. 33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. 34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.”

MATT. 6:25-34

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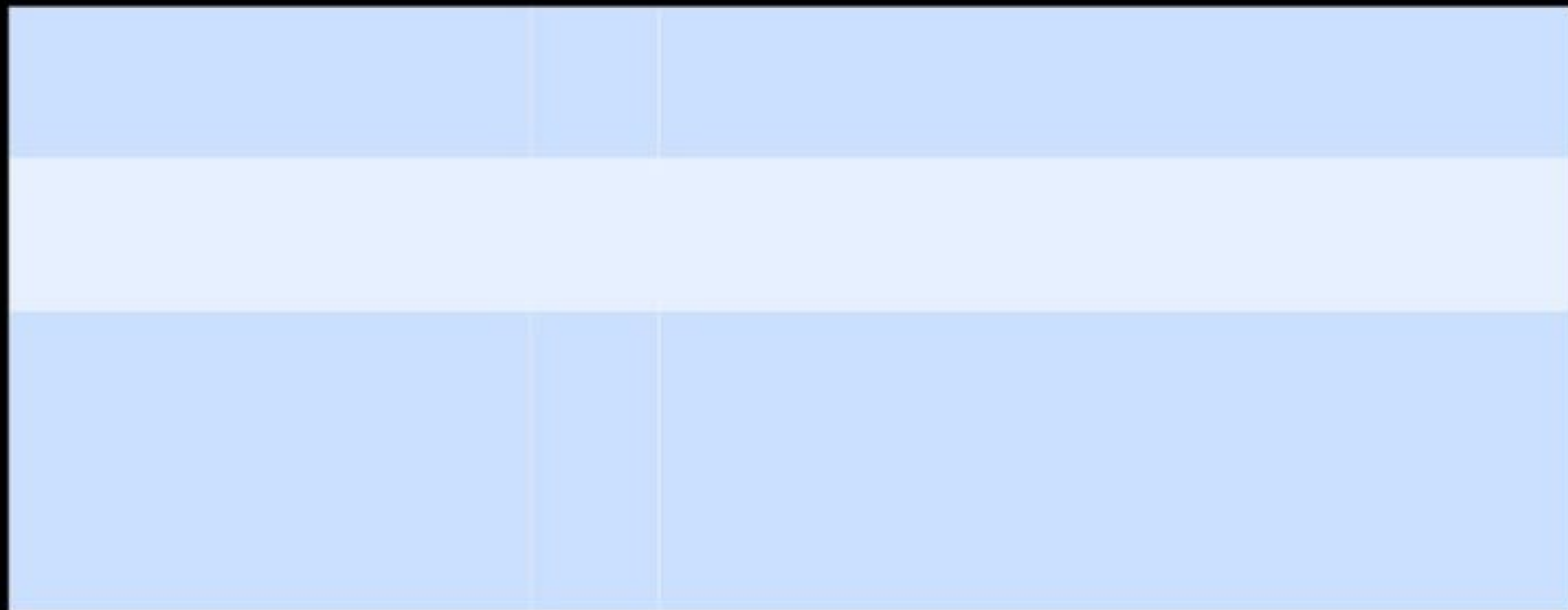
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Phil. 4:6-7: Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

3 Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden’?” **2** The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, **3** but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’” **4** “You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman. **5** “For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

GEN. 3:1-5

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1. You can be in control
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NO ANXIETY WITH OUR CREATOR



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37 And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. 38 But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?' 39 And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still!' And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. 40 He said to them, 'Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?' 41 And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?'

MARK 4:35-41

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Security/Anxiety is about me and
Sovereignty is about Jesus

OUR HEARTS ARE BUYING

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2. ~~God doesn't have your interests in mind~~ - **God loves you**
3. ~~You were missing out~~ - **God's economy is different**

PREACH TO YOUR OWN HEART

| Promise | Passage |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| God's Love endures forever | Ps 136; Is 54:10 |
| Mercy is Free | 1 Jn 1:9; 2 Chron. 7:14; Ps 86:5 |
| God never leaves | Deut 31:8; Josh 1:9; Heb 13:5 |
| God provides Strength | Is 40:31; 41:10 |
| God is our protection | Ps 9:9; Ps 107:13-16 |
| God is salvation | John 3:16 |
| God will meet our needs | Phil 4:19 |
| God comforts us | Ps 23:4; Ps 27:1 |
| God hears your prayer | Ps 34:17; Ps 50:15 |
| He works things for your good | Rom 8:28; Ps 31:19 |

RESPONSE

1. Focus on the Gospel
2. Repent of Worry/Control
3. Seek the Kingdom first
4. Don't do it alone

