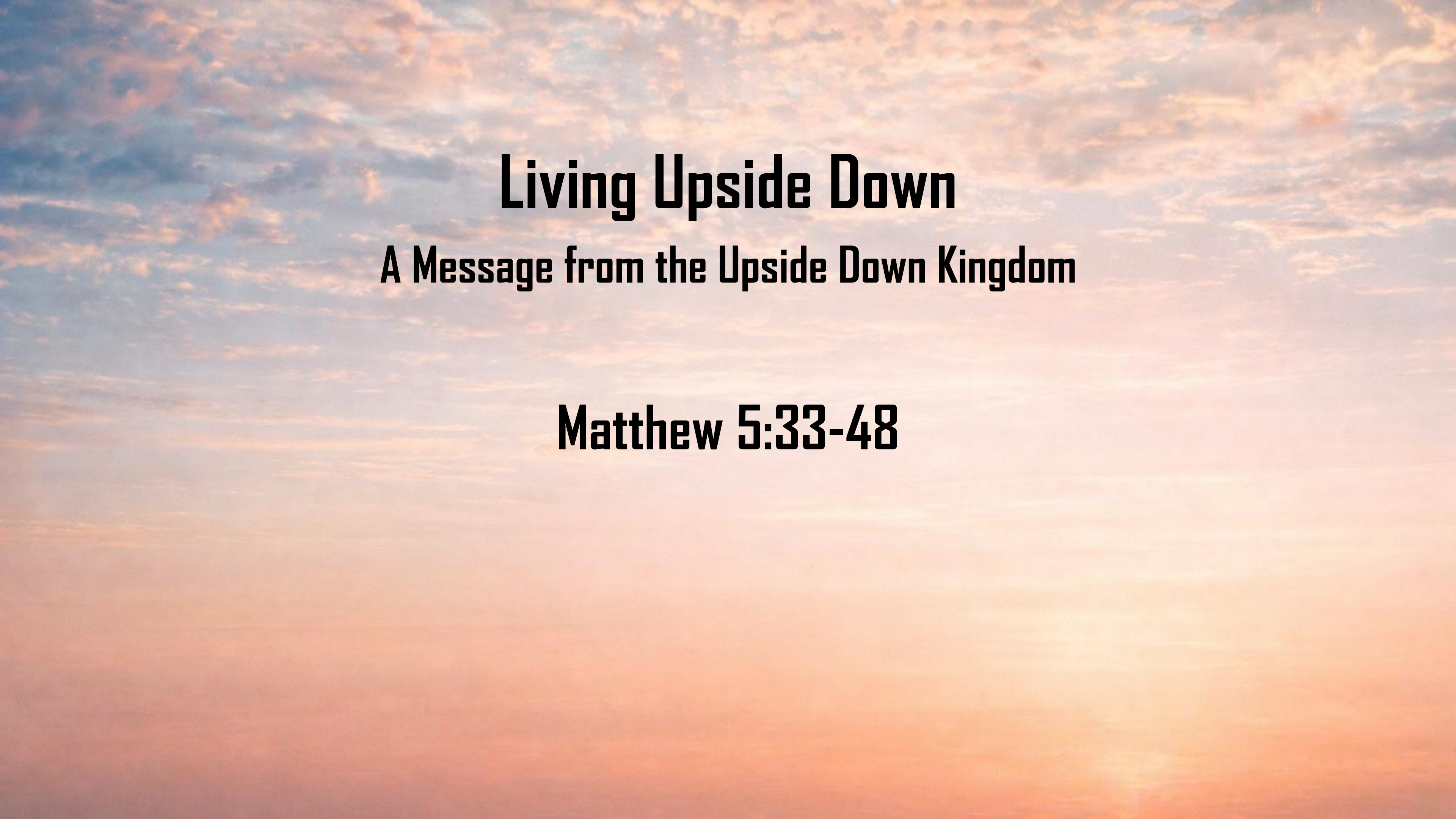


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THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

APRIL 26 – JULY 5



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A Message from the Upside Down Kingdom

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Zechariah 8:16-17

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- . **"I'll get to it"** *(when you know you won't)*
- . **"I'll pray for that"** *(when it slips away)*
- . **"Let's do lunch sometime"** *(with no intention of following up)*
- . **"Oh yeah, I was just going to do that"** *(but you completely forgot)*
- . **"Well, you have to do what's right for you"** *(when you know their decision will lead them to sin)*

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"⁶⁷ Then they spit in his face and struck him. And some slapped him, ⁶⁸ saying, "Prophecy to us, you Christ! Who is it that struck you?"

Matthew 26:67-78

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“Never is the disciple more like the Savior than when he responds to abuses graciously and without retaliation.”

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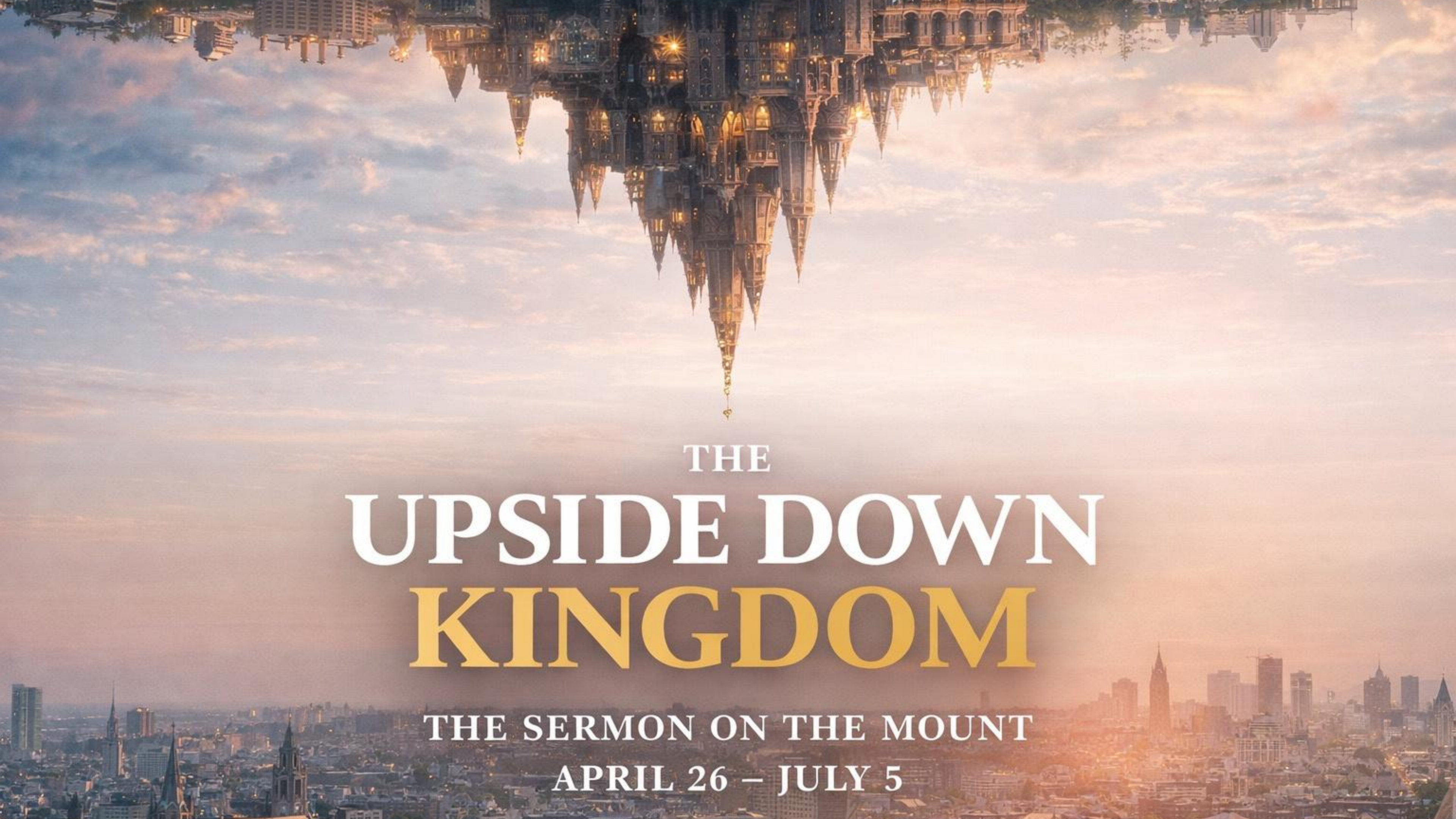
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“we are to God the pleasing aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing.” 2 Cor 2:15



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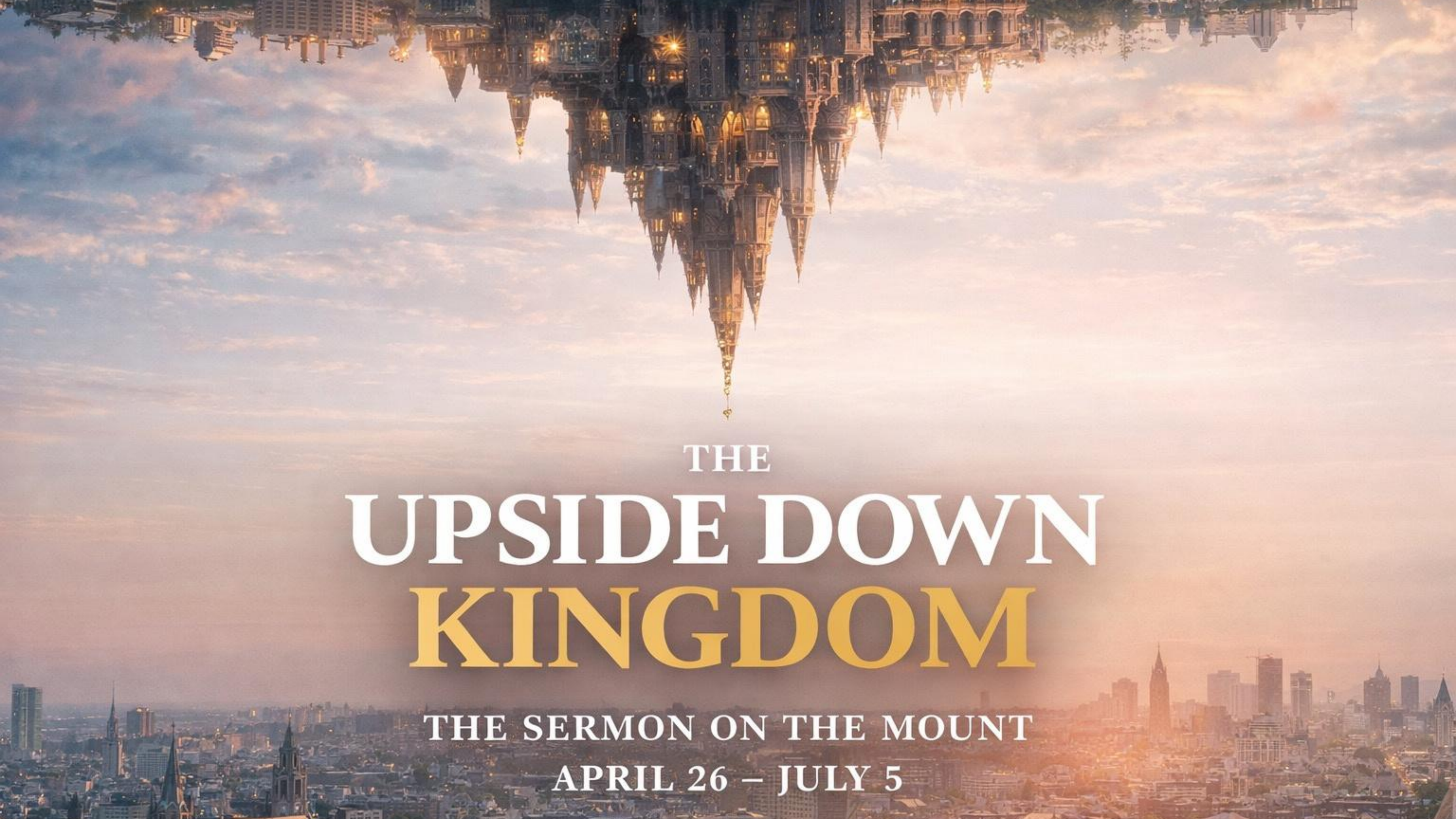
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- Pray for those who oppose and insult you.
- Bring all criticisms back to God in prayer.
- Refuse to get even with people that have hurt you.
- Be honest in all circumstances.
- Practice good listening skills with people who disagree with you.
- Ask for discerning hearts to know when to fight & when to be humble and yielding
- Prepare your heart for potentially contentious meetings.
- Be especially wary of gossip and slander
- Be more enthusiastic about Christ's glory than your own reputation.

How will you Shine this week?

"The Sermon on the Mount is not an ideal, it is a statement of what will happen in me when Jesus Christ has altered my disposition and put in a disposition like His own. Jesus Christ is the only One Who can fulfill the Sermon on the Mount."

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