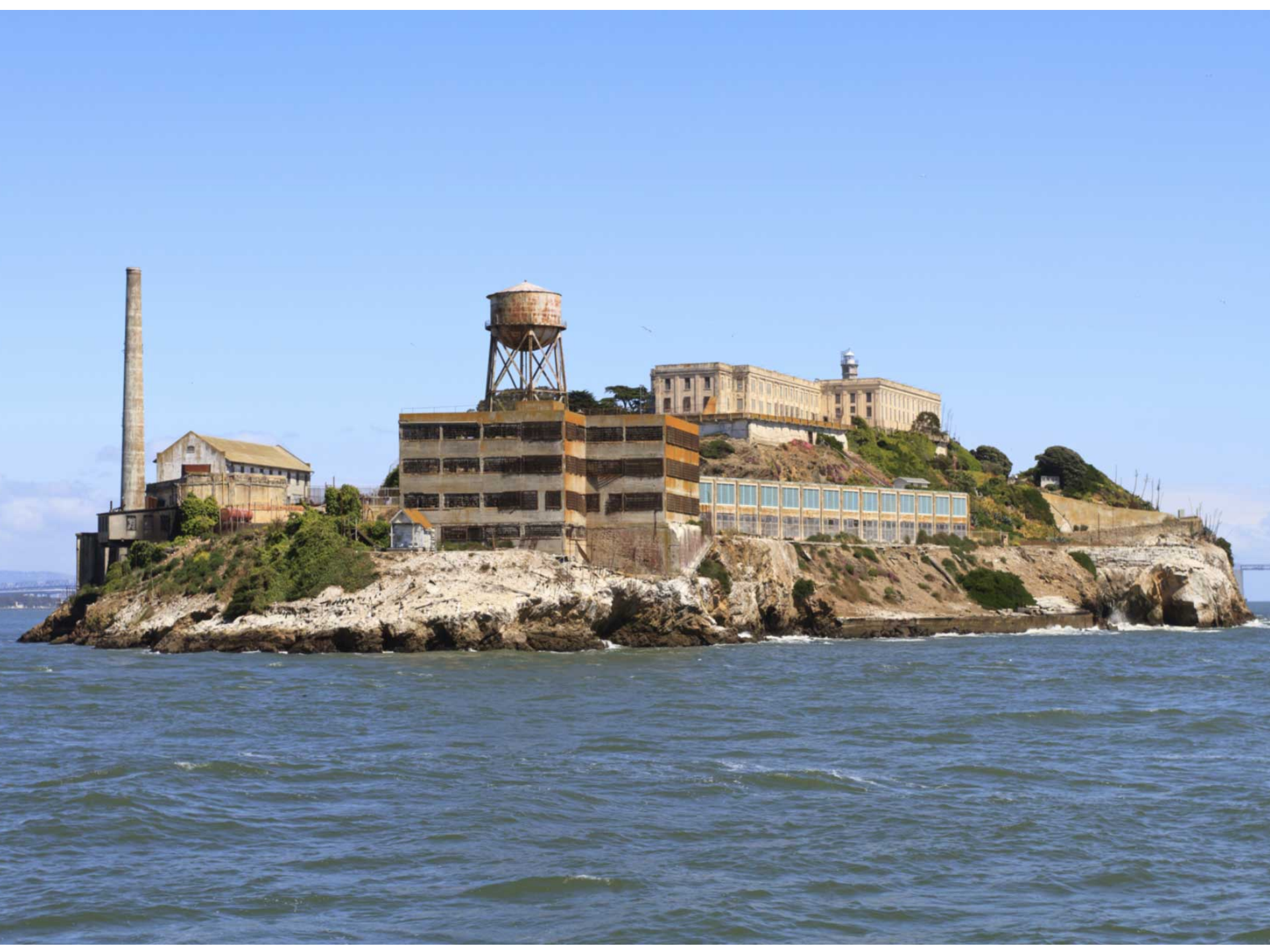




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Affirmation & Integrity - Matthew 6:1-6:6





Matthew 6:1-6

¹ “Watch out! Don’t do your good deeds publicly, to be admired by others, for you will lose the reward from your Father in heaven. ² When you give to someone in need, don’t do as the hypocrites do—blowing trumpets in the synagogues and streets to call attention to their acts of charity!

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I tell you the truth, they have received all the reward they will ever get. ³ But when you give to someone in need, don't let your left hand know what your right hand is doing. ⁴ Give your gifts in private, and your Father, who sees everything, will reward you. ⁵ "When you pray, don't be like the hypocrites who love to pray

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publicly on street corners and in the synagogues where everyone can see them. I tell you the truth, that is all the reward they will ever get. ⁶ But when you pray, go away by yourself, shut the door behind you, and pray to your Father in private. Then your Father, who sees everything, will reward you.”

Summer on the Mount: Affirmation & Integrity

Jesus focused on motivation

- * Anger and murder in the heart
- * Lust and adultery
- * Treat enemies with love

Summer on the Mount: Covenants & Rules

Jesus speaks to motivation and
our inward reality, more than
simply our outward actions

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Outward focused

- * We will take more pictures than all years previously combined
- * Social media is a tool to present the reality we want

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Social Media Impact

- * We are contributing to the story of us
- * We set ourselves up for affirmation
 - * Affirmation = validation
- * We receive a dose of dopamine

Summer on the Mount: Uprising the Offended

Jesus Teaches Us

- * Seek the reward of God, rather than the praise of mankind
- * Hypocrites outwardly act like those seeking God, but inwardly are wrapped up in what people think
- * Grow towards being perfectly motivated

Summer on the Mount: Upending the Offended

Are we being real?

- * Do we always seek to control other's perception of us?
- * Do we unintentionally seek the affirmation of the created over the validation of the Creator?

Summer on the Mount: Covenants & Rules

Surrender your need to be affirmed; allow God's validation being enough!



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