

Foundations Message Series

“Built On What!” – Pastor Dan Moran

Sunday, August 11, 2024 @ 10:30AM | Worship Center

Scripture Focus: Matthew 7:24-29

²⁴ “Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵ And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. ²⁶ And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. ²⁷ And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.” ²⁸ And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at his teaching, ²⁹ for he was teaching them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes.



The true Christ-follower builds his life on the foundations found in the Word of God so we can stand now regardless of what life brings our way and receive our rewards in eternity.

Three foundational principles for the Christ-follower...

- **Every person will choose one of two foundations on which they build their lives.** (Matthew 7:24, 26)

“The truth on which Jesus is insisting in these final two paragraphs of the Sermon on the Mount is that neither an intellectual knowledge of him nor a verbal profession, though both are essential in themselves, can ever be a substitute for obedience. The question is not whether we say nice, polite, orthodox, enthusiastic things to or about Jesus; nor whether we hear his words, listening, studying, pondering, and memorizing until our minds are stuffed with his teaching; but whether we do what we say and do what we know, in other words whether the lordship of Jesus which we profess is one of our life's major realities.” – John Stott

- **The foundation on which we've chosen to build will always be revealed by the situations of life now and the judgment we face in eternity.** (Matthew 7:25, 27)

- **The foundation that we have built our lives on will indicate the effect Jesus and His Word is having on our lives.** (Matthew 7:28-29)

Instead of conforming to this world, we imitate our heavenly Father. He is a peacemaker. And he loves even the ungrateful and selfish. So, we copy him, and not others. This is the choice, either to follow the crowd or to follow our Father in heaven, either to be a reed swayed by the winds of public opinion or to be ruled by God's word, the revelation of his character and will. So, the overriding purpose of the Sermon on the Mount is to present us with this alternative and help us realize that we have a choice to make. – John Stott

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