



Matthew

7:24-29

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The Death of Jesus

²⁴ “Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. ²⁶ But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. ²⁷ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”

²⁸ When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, ²⁹ because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.



SERMON NOTES

FAITH CATALYST

Living each day as if God could be Trusted

Faith Catalyst #1: **Practical Bible Teaching**

✧ The Bible grows **TRUST**

“You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman. Gen 3:4

“As the Scriptures says: ‘Anyone who trusts in Him will never be put to shame.’” Rm 10:11 / Isaiah 28:16

✧ The Bible reflects **REALITY**

“Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like.”

James 1:23-24

✧ The Bible inspires **SAINTS**

“I can do all this through him who gives me strength.” Phil 4:13

1. **CONNECT** WITH BIBLE GROUP.
2. **COMMIT** TO BE A LEARNER.
3. **CHANGE** YOUR LIFE.

SACRED JOURNEY

What is the purpose and meaning of Life?

The purpose of our existence is to **“love and God and enjoy him forever.”** It is one of the most powerful statements about the purpose of life. If we only live for ourselves and our own enjoyment, we experience spiritual starvation that makes all that we own or accomplish empty and unsatisfying. We are meant to know God in his beauty, power, love and majesty. We are meant to find fulfillment and meaning in orienting our lives toward his greater purposes for us and for creation. **There is no greater purpose in life than being bearers of the image of God in the world.** Our personal lives have meaning as they are caught up in God’s grand plan and purpose for creation. He is reconciling all things to himself – so we are ambassadors of reconciliation. He is the author of all creation – so we share in his creativity. He is the source of all life and hope – so we share in his creativity. He is the source of all life and hope – so we become bearers of that life and hope in the world. All lasting meaning and purpose is ultimately derived from him and his unfolding purpose and plan for the entire creation which, in time will give birth to the new heaven and the new earth, where all things are united in his sovereign rule and reign.

One of the marks of our age is the increasing despair and hopelessness which seems to shroud so many in our time. However, the root of the problem is not that we have too much anxiety, but too little hope. Hope, along with faith and love, is one of the abiding and sustaining qualities of the Christian. We are people of hope.

Scripture reading: Proverbs 19:21, Romans 15:20-21, Ephesians 1:3-14

Imagine how different your outlook on life would be if you had absolute confidence that God was with you? Imagine how differently you would respond to difficulties, temptations, and even good things if you knew with certainty that God was in all of it and was planning to leverage it for good. In other words, Imagine what you would think, what you would do, what you would feel, what you would say, what you would invest in, what you would live for if you had perfect faith.