

Life in the Deep End

Part 2 (Genesis 12:1-4 Luke 6:46-49)

“Why do you call me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say?” Luke 6:46

“I will show you what he is like who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice.” Luke 6:47

“He is like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built.” Luke 6:48

“But the one who hears my words and does not put them into practice is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. The moment the torrent struck that house, it collapsed and its destruction was complete.” Luke 6:49

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2. Two _____

3. Two _____

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Why?

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“He said to them, ‘Take to heart all the words I have solemnly declared to you this day...’ They are not just idle words for you --they are your life.” Deut. 32:46-47

Meditations for the New Year

Daily meditations based on this week’s message

This week’s memory verse:

“I will show you what he is like who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice. He is like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built.” Luke 6:47-48

Monday

Read Luke 6:46-49. What stood out to you most from the sermon this last weekend? Why?

What is your main struggle when it comes to surrendering your life to Jesus to be Lord?

Spend time in prayer today and ask God to open your heart this week to areas of your life that you are not allowing Him to be Lord over. Thank God today for His mercy and love for you. Thank Him for His patience with you as you learn and grow. Ask Him to soften your heart to His voice this week. Ask for a sincere desire to surrender to Him as Lord.

Tuesday

Read Luke Genesis 12:1-4 & Luke 6:46 . What are two things that strike you in these verses?

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2.

Recall a time in your life when you believed that God was leading you out of your comfort zone and into the unknown. Did you obey God? Did you hesitate? What happened?

Think about your life today. Write down at least one area where God is calling you out - out of your comfort zone (spiritually, emotionally, relationally or physically) and into something new.

What is slowing down your obedience to Christ?

Thank God today that He has a plan for your life. Ask Him to give you the faith to step out in obedience and follow Him. Give Him your day and ask Him to be Lord over your thoughts, actions, decisions and words.

Wednesday

Read Luke 6:47-48. These verses are full of descriptive words. Write down three that stand out to you and why.

According to verse 47, how does the wise builder respond to the Word of God?

Verse 48 says the wise builder “dug down deep” and laid the foundation on rock”. How are you doing that in your life right now? Why are you hesitant to do that?

How does obedience to God bring security to your life?

Thank God today that He clearly lays out the way to have a strong foundation. Ask Him to help you dig down deep and build on the rock. Ask Him for an opportunity to encourage someone in your life today with the truth of what you're studying.

Thursday

Read Matthew 7:26-27 & Luke 6:49. What are some “sandy” foundations that you've tried to build your life on? What were the results?

What is the foolish builder's reaction to the Word of God?

Both the wise and foolish builder experienced life's storms. How do you think obeying God impacts how you handle life's storms?

Spend an extended time in prayer today. Ask God to show you any areas where you are building on sand. As those come to mind write them down and then commit to “rebuild” those foundations on the Rock, Jesus.

Friday

Read Luke 6:46-49 & James 1:22-25. How do these passages relate to each other?

What insights does the James passage add to the importance of obeying God's Word?

Think back over what you've learned from studying God's Word in the last week. How can you “put feet” to what you've learned and ensure that you are not just one who hears the Word, but does the Word as well?

Thank God today that He cares about you and wants to help you weather life's storms. Ask Him to give you the desire and courage to apply what you learn from Him and His Word. Ask Him to help you choose to be a wise builder each and every day.

Saturday

Please review the memory verse for this week and finish up any devotions you may have missed. Pray for our services this weekend, that they will reach, grow and challenge all those who attend. Pray that your heart will be soft and ready to learn and grow!