**Weathering the Storms of Life!**

**Luke 6:46-49**

1. The Sermon on the Plain (Mountain):
2. Two major themes run throughout this sermon:
3. It has to do with the attitude and disposition of one’s heart.
4. Jesus is also teaching them that if they want to truly be his followers then they must not only **HEAR** what He says but **DO** what He says.
5. To be one of Jesus’ true disciples (followers), you must…
6. **Come** to Him,
7. **Hear** (understand) what He says,
8. **Walk** with him daily in obedience.
9. Outline of Luke chapter 6:
10. Verses 26-35: Jesus addresses the **inward attitude** of the heart!
11. Verses 27-36: Jesus speaks about the **attitude of the heart toward others**.
12. Verses 37-45: Jesus addresses the **attitude of the heart toward ourselves**.
13. Verse 46-49: Jesus addressed the **attitude of the heart toward God and His Word**.
14. How to weather the storms of life:
15. In verses 46-49, Jesus offers **three simple stages** in the life that is truly built upon a solid foundation:
16. Stage 1—A man must come to Jesus.
17. Stage 2—Not only must a man come to Jesus, but He must also truly hear (understand) what Jesus says.
18. Stage 3—Not only must he hear what Jesus says, he must do what Jesus says.
19. **Verse 46**: Jesus says, “Why do you call me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say?” Jesus gives a very strong warning in Matthew to religious people who say one thing but do another thing.

**Matthew 7:21-23**: “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy (preach) in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles? Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’”

1. **Verse 47:** Jesus says, “I will show you what he is like who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice.”
2. Many times, when Jesus completed a message, he would look up at the crowd and say, “Let him who has ears, hear!” It is one thing to hear what God’s word says, it is another thing to truly have **spiritual understanding**.

**1 Corinthians 2:14** *The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand, because they are spiritually discerned*.

1. No one can understand anything about the God’s spiritual kingdom unless he has truly been born again.

**John 3:3** (Jesus says to Nicodemus) “I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again.”

1. The three stages of true followers of Christ:
2. He comes to Jesus.
3. He not only hears what Jesus says, but He has spiritual understanding.
4. He trusts Jesus with his whole heart, and He obeys God’s Word.
5. A Wise Man!
6. **Verse 48:** “He is like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid a foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built.”
7. A wise builder **digs deep** until he hits **solid ground**.
8. He carefully lays down a solid foundation using all kinds of equipment (Bible, Prayer, Fellowship)
9. Why does he do this? To make sure his house will stand when the torrential rains come, and the winds blow at gale force.
10. The Last Storm: DEATH!
11. The enduring faith of a life well-lived: Maggie Grimes!
12. An eternal home: Heaven!

**Revelation 22:1-5:** Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.

**Upon what kind of foundation are we building your lives?**

**Is it a truly a solid foundation, like a rock?**