

J Walking Sermon Series
Part #1 – Laying the Foundation
Matthew 7:24-27

1 John 2:6 – Whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did.

Series Summary

The purpose of this series is to help each Christian establish a solid foundation in order to passionately pursue God. We will study through the Sermon on the Mount, picking up from the teachings of Christ immediately following the Beatitudes. We will focus on the basic components of walking with Jesus, like Jesus, and for Jesus. This series is needed for every new Christian and for people who want to refresh their walk with the Lord.

Sermon Summary

Big Idea – A New Year...A Fresh Pursuit...A Stronger Foundation

Main Passage

Matthew 7:24-27 – 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. ²⁵The 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. ²⁶But 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. ²⁷The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."

Laying the Foundation

Part #1 – Choose This Day Which Builder You Will Be

- **James 1:22**
- **Key Point** – The key point that we examine in this text is seen as we reflect on the first of three comparisons. The first comparison is between the two different builders. One is wise and one is foolish. We must pay careful attention to this part of the passage because the fact is that we fall into this category. We are one of the two builders. We are either the wise builder or the foolish builder which one will you choose to be today.

Part #2 – Choose This Day Which Foundation You Will Use

- **Key Point** – The key point that we examine in this text is seen as we reflect on the second of three comparisons. The second comparison is that of choosing which foundation you will use. Will you build your life on the solid foundation of the Word of God or will you focus on the sandy foundation of the philosophy of the world. One will lead to destruction while the other will lead to eternal life.

Part #3 – Hearing the Final Words: Warning or Reality

- **Key Point** – The key point that we examine in this text is seen as we reflect on the final comparison. The final comparison is between the two different outcomes. You are building your life on some sort of foundation right now, even as I write these words but are you paying attention to the outcome. Look past this moment, even past this life and see the outcome that is approaching. The foolish builder, his life fell with a great crash and it was eternally destroyed because he chose foolishly. Hear the final words, will they be a reality or a warning for you. Only you can determine the outcome.

Memory Verse

- **Matthew 7:24** – 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.

Application

J Walk Challenge – Take the J Walking Challenge through this sermon series. Begin this new year by learning to walk in the footsteps of Jesus. **Step #1** – Through this sermon series read the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7) at least once every two days. **Step #2** – Write down or journal what God is showing you through this study. **Step #3** – Pray about how God wants you to apply His Word that you are learning about and then apply it in your everyday life.

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