

Sermon on the Mount



WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

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A LIFE WELL BUILT ON JESUS (MATT 7:21-27)

ICEBREAKER

ARE YOU A DIY'ER? WHEN SOMETHING BREAKS IS YOUR FIRST INSTANCE TO FIX IT YOURSELF OR CALL SOMEONE?



I. A LIFE WELL BUILT STARTS WITH “KNOWING GOD” (V. 21-23)

- Read Matthew 7:22. What does Jesus’ warning show us about the difference between doing things in His name and actually knowing and following Him?
- Are there ways we can use Jesus’ name or ask Him to move in our lives without actually walking closely with Him?
- What are some things people can do for Jesus that might distract them from actually walking with Jesus?

II. A LIFE WELL BUILT IS FULLY DEVOTED TO JESUS (V. 24- 27)

- How can we make sure our foundation is solid in Jesus? Where are we tempted to rely on our own knowledge instead of His?
- Think about a storm that occurred in your life. How did that storm test, reinforce, or reveal something about your foundation?
- What are some foundations people commonly build their lives on besides Jesus and His words?

III. A LIFE WELL BUILT IS BUILT ON THE AUTHORITY OF JESUS (V. 28-29)

- Do the words of Jesus still cause us to be amazed? Describe a time when Jesus’ words challenged or amazed you.
- What are some practical ways we can build our lives under the authority of Jesus? What areas of our lives might we need to surrender to His authority?

ACT ON IT



ENCOURAGE

A life well built begins with knowing, trusting and submitting to Jesus with every part of our lives. In Matthew 7:24-27 both builders heard His words and both faced a storm; the house on the rock stood because its builder put those words into practice — being a doer, not just a hearer. Whatever this week brings, you can keep building on Jesus one choice at a time. His grace is a gift and He is our firm foundation.

“For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.” (1 Corinthians 3:11)



ASK

Remember, full devotion is not perfection; it is trusting Him enough to build my life on His word. We can recognize His authority, as many did in Matthew 7:28-29 — but being impressed by Jesus is not enough. So ask yourself, “Will I live under His authority?”

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CHALLENGE

As we come to a close on the Sermon on the Mount series, remember our lead verse from Matthew 4:23:

“And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people.”

As Jesus went, He gave us the blueprint to live a devoted, faithful, and fruitful life through His words and actions.

Consider the many lessons Jesus presented for us: Loving Your Enemies (Matt. 5:43-48), Salt and Light (Matt. 5:13-16), Prayer and Fasting (Matt. 6:5-18), Judgment (Matt. 7:1-6), the Golden Rule and Narrow Gate (Matt. 7:12-14), Do Not Be Anxious (Matt. 6:25-34), Solid Foundation (Matt. 7:24-29)... etc.

Surely, you can find something here that God wants you to focus on. Choose one of these topics & center your focus on growing there for the next few weeks.

Take note of what God is highlighting to you in this season. Get practical about it. Take a breath, pause, & ask the Lord (internally or out loud), “Am I submitting myself to the authority of Jesus in THIS moment?” Don’t allow your circumstances and feelings to guide your next steps. Be a doer & give the Holy Spirit space to guide you in righteousness & obedience, in Jesus’ name.

PRAYER

Use these prompts to help guide your prayer:

- Strengthen my relationship with Jesus
- Build my trust and confidence in You
- Help me to submit to Your authority (to be a doer, not just a hearer)