



The Heart of the Matter Series (Sermon on the Mount) “Jesus, Firm Foundation” Matthew 7:24-29

Recap

- **Finish Chapter 5**
- **Finish Chapter 6**
- **Chapter 7**
 - **“Who’s the Judge”**
 - **“Just Ask”**
 - **“Authentic Christianity”**
 - **Authentic Christianity begins with true conversion**
 - **Authentic Christianity produces a fruitful life**
 - **Authentic Christianity ends with a favorable judgment**
- **How many have been involved in building a house or currently involved?**
- **What is the one thing you do not want to do when you build your house or choose the location on which to build?**
- **You do not want to build your house on a weak foundation. Why? Because if you do it does not matter how expensive or what quality or materials you use on the rest of the house because if you have foundation problems, the whole house will have problems.**
- **As you listen today, I want you to think about the foundation you are building your life upon? Will you be one of the houses that Jesus looks at and rejects because it had foundation problems?**
- **Today let’s look at the two builders Jesus speaks of. Which one are you?**

Notes:

I. The Similarities between the two builders and their homes

- A. Both heard Christ's Words**
- B. Both built houses**
- C. Both houses were tested.**

Notes:

II. The Difference between the two builders and their homes.

- A. One put Jesus' words into practice/the other did not put them into practice.**
- B. One was a wise man/the other was a foolish man**
- C. One built his house on the rock/the other build his house on sand**
- D. One house did not fall/the other fell with a great crash.**

Notes:

III. The response to Jesus' Sermon

- A. The crowds were amazed by the content of his teaching**
- B. The crowds were amazed at the manner of his teaching**
 - 1. Jesus taught as one who had authority**
 - 2. Jesus did not teach like their teachers of the law.**
- C. What will be your response to Jesus' Sermon?**

Notes:

Application

- Build your home on a firm foundation**
- Respond by being doers of the Word.**