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**JESUS ASKS A DAMNING QUESTION**

*Luke 6:46 - "Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?" (NIV)*

The great issue that Jesus confronts us here: "Is Jesus the Lord of our life?" Jesus has just finished delivering the greatest sermon in history - His famous "Sermon on the Mount." He talked to the great crowd before Him about the Kingdom of God and how to inherit it. But He is aware that most of His audience are just "onlookers" and "observers". They nodded their heads in agreement and they even said, "Amen!" in some instances. If you asked them what they believed, they would most likely answer "We follow the great Rabbi, Jesus of Nazareth". But for all of that, Jesus' teachings (which they enjoyed) had no radical impact on their lives.

And so, as Jesus ends His great sermon, He closes with the appeal: "Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?" If Jesus is the Lord of our lives, there must be obedience to what He commanded us to do! This passage corresponds with Matthew 7:21-23. Matthew records Jesus' words this way, "21 "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. 22 Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?' 23 Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'" (NIV)

**JESUS CALLS FOR DECISIVE ACTION**

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**DECISIVE ACTIONS THAT JESUS WANT US TO TAKE:**

**COME TO ME**

Every person must come to God. We have to keep coming back to Him every day. This is why I always have to emphasize on daily devotion and prayer. We have to keep God as our focus and trust Him as Savior and Lord. Problem only arises if your daily devotion is too dependent on the preachers rather than God. People now seldom read God's word and pray personally. Unconsciously, their faith is now shifted on the preacher rather than God. My prescription to you is: KEEP AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE TO JESUS. Get right in by His side. Get in the center of the flock as much and as often as you can. And get to know His voice clearly.

**HEAR MY WORD**

We must be hearing what JESUS has to say. The Bible is absolutely primary and fundamental. We need to be constantly in the Word of God. Be careful NOT to be just reading what others have written about the Scriptures. Everything else must be secondary. It is the number one way God will minister into your life.

**PUT THEM INTO PRACTICE**

There must be a response to Jesus' words: OBEDIENCE. The requirement for radical discipleship is OBEDIENCE. All these other things flow when we are obedient! All the talk, and all the good intentions, in the world are no substitute for one moment of OBEDIENCE. Great knowledge is no substitute. So-called "spirituality" is no substitute. In fact, there is no true spirituality without simple obedience. Jesus said, "...come to me, hear my word, and put them into practice..."

**JESUS GIVES A DRAMATIC ILLUSTRATION**

Luke 6:48-49 - "48 They are 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. 49 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." (NIV)

Jesus loved to teach in pictures. Jesus' pictures can make a strong impression that will make a mark in our hearts. This is one such picture. Jesus contrasts for us the picture of a house with solid rock foundations and a house built upon no foundations but the shifting sands.

I learned a lot about foundations. I noticed that the foundations have to be solid! The higher the structure, the deeper and stronger the foundation should be. Laying foundations correctly is a tough, long, hard, and at times demanding. But... it is an essential process. There can be no shortcuts! And here... Jesus challenges His followers to lay their lives only upon such rock foundations - namely the foundations of His Word. "If you come to ME, and hear MY words, and put them into practice, you are like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock."

There is simply NO substitute for obedience to the great priorities of the Bible. While others may be going after side issues (majoring on minors), WE NEED TO COME BACK AND GET THE FOUNDATIONS RIGHT. What are the great priorities of God's Word? Well, here are some that we can find page after page in the Bible...

**HOLINESS**

**DAILY READING OF GOD'S WORD**

**PRAYER**

**FELLOWSHIP WITH THE BODY**

**WINNING THE LOST BY SIMPLE WITNESS**

Jesus said that the foundations determine how the house will stand. To the casual observer, both the house on the rock and the house on the sand look alike - both may be impressive in their own way. **BUT IT IS THE STORM THAT REVEALS THE GREAT DIFFERENCE!** Jesus said when the storm came and beat upon the house on the rock... it stood firm. But when the storm came to the house built quickly upon the sand - it fell in a heap.

What are the "storms" Jesus speaks of referring to? What storms must we face? There are the storms of life. You know what I mean - you may have experienced some of them already. The things that life can throw at you; the persecutions you face because of your stand for Christ. The simple disappointments and hardships. IF THE FOUNDATION ISN'T RIGHT the house won't stand. I have known many - even preachers - who did not lay the foundations properly, and when the storm came everything came tumbling down around them.

Make sure that your foundations are being laid squarely and solidly upon Jesus Christ and His Word. Pay great attention to detail. Leave no stone unturned in examining your life to see if there be anything that is not as it should be in accordance with God's Word, and you will be like the WISE man building upon the Rock.



1. How relevant do you think is Obedience to your walk with CHRIST?
2. Do you find it hard to put God's words into action, why?
- 3.) Describe the foundation you have in your life today, do you believe it will stand ?