

# A Tale of Two Foundations

Matthew 7:21–29

## Entering into the Kingdom of Heaven:

### 1. It takes more than lip \_\_\_\_\_.

*Matthew 7:21–23* “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

*Romans 10:9–10* If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. **10** For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.

### 2. It takes more than impressive \_\_\_\_\_.

*Matthew 7:22* 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?’

*Matthew 5:20* For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

### 3. It’s about \_\_\_\_\_ you know:

*Matthew 7:23* Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’

*Acts 19:13* Some Jews who went around driving out evil spirits tried to invoke the name of the Lord Jesus over those who were demon-possessed. They would say, “In the name of the Jesus whom Paul preaches, I command you to come out.”

*Acts 19:15–16* One day the evil spirit answered them, “Jesus I know, and Paul I know about, but who are you?” **16** Then the man who had the evil spirit jumped on them and overpowered them all. He gave them such a beating that they ran out of the house naked and bleeding.

- How do you relate to Jesus?
- How many of your prayers are about seeking God’s will for your life vs. having God carry out your plans for your life?
- Do you know God’s will for your life?

## Two distinguishing characteristics of those who will enter His kingdom:

**1) They have a personal \_\_\_\_\_ with Jesus.**

**2) They do His Father’s \_\_\_\_\_ – (from v. 21)**

### Next Steps for Growth:

I want to begin to follow Jesus today.

I want to be contacted by a pastor.

I want to be baptized.

I want to become a member.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  Change my contact info

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I am a:  1<sup>st</sup> time guest  2<sup>nd</sup> time guest  Regular Attendee  Member (taken membership class & committed to membership covenant)

*Matthew 7:24-28* “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.

**4. Those who build their lives on the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus will have strength to \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Matthew 7:26-27* But 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.”

**5. Those who build their lives on things other than the teachings of Jesus are building their lives upon \_\_\_\_\_ foundations.**

*Matthew 7:28–29* When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, 29 because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.

Prayer Requests/Praise Items:  Put this on the prayer chain.