



Resilient Faith

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Matthew 7:15-20 (NIV)

⇒ What do we actually believe if there's no evidence we actually believe it?

Matthew 7:21-23 (NIV)

- ⇒ Action without belief is just noise and belief without action is self-deceit.
- ⇒ It is easy to ignore God's leadership and use Him as justification for where we want to go.

Matthew 7:24-27 (NIV)

- ⇒ Everyone who hears the words of Jesus and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.

Hebrews 12:28 (NIV)

- ⇒ We manufacture our own foundations, never realizing we're using sand to build them.
- ⇒ Jesus isn't offering us a life where He makes everything easier. Instead, we find something so much greater, an unshakeable kingdom we're all citizens of.
- ⇒ Jesus invites us to be doers, not just hearers.

This Week's Spiritual Practice: Read 1 chapter from the sermon on the mount found in Matthew 5-7 every day this week and ask God how His words apply to your life.

"Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it. If you love me, keep my commands." John 14:12-15 (NIV)



Study & Discussion for Your Next Small Group

Theme: *Practicing the ways of Jesus makes us unshakeable.*

Warm Up: What are some of your favorite fictional characters that show resilience?

Reflect Together: From Sunday's Online Experience: What stood out to you from

Sunday's message and have you been able to do the Spiritual Practice this week? How has that been so far?

Read Together: Matthew 7:15-27

Discuss:

- Josh shared about how his life has been shaken these last few months. Has your life been shaken in any way?
- In the shaking, what has God exposed to you about your faith?
- As you examine your own life, what kind of fruit do you see?
- In your faith, are you following Jesus' leadership? Or have you been asking Him to follow you?
- In reading verses 24-27, how does Jesus say we are to build our houses on the rock?
- In what ways have you attempted to build your foundation with sand?
- How is God inviting you to let go of your "sand" and build your faith on the rock?
- Why does Jesus ask us to follow Him?
- Why do you follow Jesus?

Prayer: Share what God is doing in answering prayer and also pray for the needs of your group.