

Sermon Handout: Our Father, Week 9

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Main Points:

- 1. Foundation Matters:** Just as a house needs a solid foundation, our lives need the right foundation. The authoritative teaching of Jesus is the foundation that leads to righteous and everlasting life.
- 2. Two Paths:** Jesus presents two paths: the narrow path leading to life and the broad path leading to destruction (Matthew 7:13-14). Entrance into God's Kingdom is solely through Jesus.
- 3. False Prophets and True Fruit:** Beware of false prophets who appear righteous but lead people astray (Matthew 7:15-20). True disciples are recognized by their transformed lives and love for one another.
- 4. True Discipleship:** Not everyone who calls Jesus "Lord" will enter the Kingdom of Heaven, but only those who do the will of the Father (Matthew 7:21-23). True disciples know Jesus and are known by Him through a genuine relationship.
- 5. Building on the Rock:** Jesus concludes with the parable of the wise and foolish builders (Matthew 7:24-27). Building our lives on Jesus' teachings ensures stability and endurance through life's storms.

Bottom Line: Build your life on the solid rock of Jesus' words.

Application:

- Examine the cost. Have you paid a price to profess faith in Christ?
- Investigate the change. Are there godly fruits from your life?
- Remember: True faith in Christ will last, not only in the storms of life, but also in the final judgment.

Family Discussion Questions:

1. What does it mean to build your life on the foundation of Jesus' teachings?
2. How can we recognize false prophets or false teachers and ensure we are following true teachings?
3. Why is it important to have a genuine relationship with Jesus rather than just knowing about Him?
4. How can we ensure that our lives bear good fruit that reflects our faith in Jesus?
5. What steps can we take as a family to strengthen our foundation in Christ and withstand life's storms?

Scripture References: Matthew 7:13-27; John 6:38; John 10:1-21; John 13:35; John 14:1-6; James 1:22, 25



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