



Believing With Our Feet

Matthew 7:12-29

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Intro: Heading Down the Mountain (v. 12) *Do I Really Believe This?*

- 1) What Am I Moving Toward? (vv. 13-14)
- 2) What Am I Seeing? (vv. 15-20)
- 3) What Am I Believing? (vv. 21-23)
- 4) What Am I Building On? (vv. 24-27)

Conclusion: *Am I Merely Astonished or Firmly Anchored? (vv. 7:28-29)*

Study Questions to Go Deeper with God

Reflections: Those desiring to listen to & lean upon the foundation of Jesus Christ, take a few minutes in prayer to consider with the Lord Jesus:::

What am I currently going to besides You Lord Jesus to find security, significance, and satisfaction? What are the easy ways that are leading me towards destruction, Lord? What is one way, Lord, I can turn around and follow You in right now? Bring Your Words to my mind, Your people in my path, Your Spirit in my life.

What am I leaning upon, other than You Lord Jesus, during the storms in my life? What voices do I listen to that are contrary to Your voice when the winds pick up in my life? What do you want me to listen to right now Lord that you have already revealed to me in Your word?

Lord do I really believe you are The Way, the Truth, and the Life? Do I really believe Your words about my life? Do I really believe that you can deliver on Your promises? If I am honest Lord here's what I do believe _____, and here Lord Jesus is where I am struggling to believe _____. Where can I start today to be wise and build a firm foundation on You? Secure me Lord

Readings: Read Psalm 127:1-2. What is the Psalmist observing about his life? What is the psalmist observing about His God? What is the invitation here from the psalmist & God? What about this verse

hits home for you? How might the Lord Jesus be inviting you to build on His Words and His Ways in your own life?

Read John 10:7-10. What is Jesus declaring about Himself here? What is the purpose of Jesus being The Gate in our life? How is Jesus being The Gate of the sheep different than Jesus being the Good Shepherd? What areas do you need to surrender over to Jesus in order for us to find the life we are looking for?

Read Colossians 3:1-4. What is Paul specifically saying about Jesus here? What does it mean to “set your mind on things above”? In lieu of who Christ is and where Christ is, how can that shape the faith & life of the believer? What spiritual practices, books, and resources keep you connected to Christ & elevate your faith daily?

Resources: *The Good & Beautiful Life: Putting on the Character of Christ* (2009) by James Bryan Smith, follows Jesus through the Sermon on the Mount and gives practical exercises that can equip believers to examine our ways with practices taught by Jesus, helping to form His character inside us & shape our life!