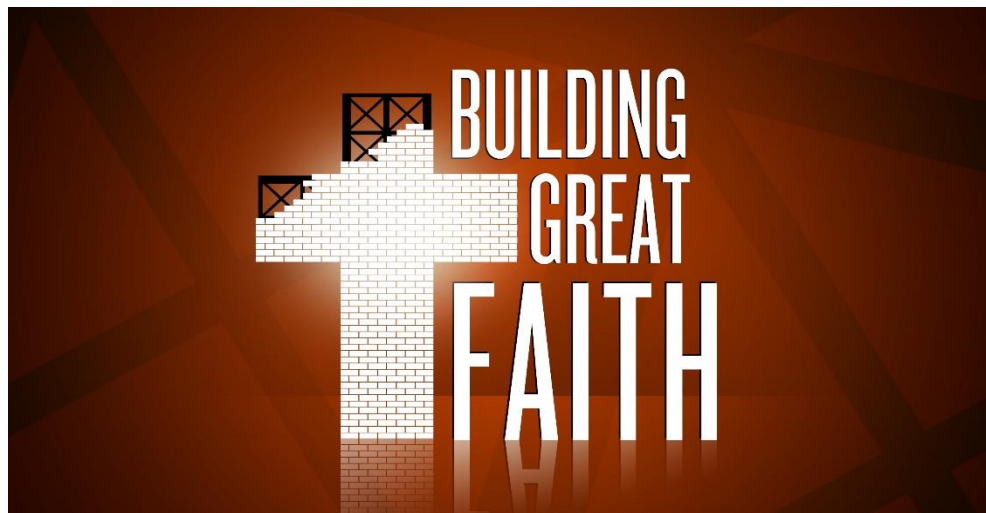


Discovery Service Order and Message Outline



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Building Great Faith #2  
Applying the Bible to the whole of life  
Matthew 7:24-29

*'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.'*  
Matthew 7:24 NIV

**1. Jesus was saying that in order for his teaching to have any impact, you've got to \_\_\_\_\_ something. Believing is \_\_\_\_\_.**

*'The 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.'* Matthew 7:25 NIV

**2. The Implication: You can believe and be a \_\_\_\_\_.**

*'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.'*  
Matthew 7:26 NIV

*'The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.' When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.'* Matthew 7:27-29 NIV

**3. Jesus' teaching moved people to action. Their teachers helped people \_\_\_\_\_ more. Jesus moved them to \_\_\_\_\_ more.**

*'All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this. They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him down the cliff.'* Luke 4:28-29 NIV



1. Did you grow up attending a church that emphasized application? If not, what was emphasized in your church? Doctrine? Sacraments? Attendance?
2. Read Matthew 7:24-28. This parable follows the Sermon on the Mount. Why do you think Jesus concluded his sermon with this parable?
3. What does this strong exhortation say about Jesus' view of his own teaching?
4. What is the relationship between "...and puts them into practice" in verse 24 and "...had its foundation on the rock" in verse 25?
5. Have you ever applied a specific teaching of Scripture that, looking back, prepared you for an unexpected storm?
6. Can you think of a difficult time you have faced that could have been avoided if you had applied the principles of Scripture?
7. In verse 27, Jesus said that the foolish man's house fell with a great crash. Chances are you know individuals or couples whose lives or marriages could be described in similar terms. Without giving names or too many specifics, describe a situation you know about where someone experienced a great crash that could have been avoided if he or she had consistently applied the teachings of Jesus.
8. If, for the past five years, you had been applying what you know the Scriptures teach about finances, how would things be different in your finances today? Apply this same question to marriage or relationships in general.
9. What have been the most difficult truths from the Bible for you to apply? This week, identify two areas of your life where a bit more application would make a noticeable difference. And then apply.

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