



GOOD NEWS

PART 4: JESUS TALKS

“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. 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. 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. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.” (Matthew 7:24-27, NIV)

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“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)

“Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.” (John 14:23, NIV)

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“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 7:28-29, NIV)

“I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” (John 14:6, NIV)

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“A certain ruler asked him, ‘Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life? You know the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not murder, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, honor your father and mother. All these I have kept since I was a boy,’ he said. 22 When Jesus heard this, he said to him, ‘You still lack one thing. Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.’” (Luke 18:18, 19-22, NIV)

Questions to answer in light of the GOOD NEWS:

1. What are you building your house (life) on? Is it on rock? Is it on sand? Both?

2. Are there areas of your life where Jesus has directed you “to do” that you aren’t doing?

Practice: Take some time this week and assess your life with Jesus. Be brutally honest with yourself and with Jesus. With His words and teachings, ask what is your “information to action” ratio?

Bonus Practice: Reach out to a person or people to tell what Jesus is doing in your life. Ask for encouragement, support and prayer.