

Bearing the Weight

Sermon on the Mount Series – Part 20 (finale)

Scripture text – Matthew 7:24-27

Introduction

- Every person must make a decision about the _____ on which he or she will _____ his or her life.
- This is the subject Jesus turns to as he concludes his Sermon-on-the-Mount.

The Main Point

- There are only _____ possible foundations on which to build our lives and one of them will result in a _____.

The Description

- The 2 possibilities:
 - 1) Jesus' _____ lived out
 - 2) _____ else
- The entire sermon is full of _____-option thinking
- The “wise” course is to _____ yourself in Jesus’ teaching with the objective of _____ what he says.
- The key word is _____. Sometimes we focus on the _____ and not the _____.
- Jesus’ teaching is incredibly _____. No one can plumb the _____ of it.
- Example of a “foolish” course: Embracing the _____ - _____ gospel.

The Result

- In Jesus’ parable, two men build a house (presumably similar), but on two different foundations. Both appear just fine until it starts to _____.

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- 2 possible representations:
 - 1) The storms represent all the _____ of life. In such circumstances, you will discover the sturdiness & _____ of your foundation.
 - 2) The storms represent the _____ .
Thus, a “great crash” is a reference to _____
_____ for those who did not build their life on Jesus’ words lived out.

Two Simple Questions

What’s your _____?
Will it bear the _____ at maximum pressure?

Who’s Who in Today’s Message

- Alfred Adler (1870-1937): An Austrian medical doctor, psychotherapist and founder of the school of individual psychology. Adler is the father of the Self-Esteem (Self-Love) movement. While not opposed to religion, he was certainly not a believer in the God of the Bible.
- Robert Schuller (1926-2015): An American televangelist, pastor, motivational speaker and author. In 1982, he wrote *Self-Esteem: The New Reformation*, which brought Adler’s ideas into the church where it has since flourished.