

YOU HAVE HEARD IT SAID Pt 1 “Where We Find Stability”

BUT I SAY TO YOU

It sets the tension by challenging what you have long thought.
It sets the tension by inviting you to trust something beyond what you used to know.

Matthew 7:24-29 NIV

24 “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. 25 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. 26 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. 27 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”

28 When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed (astonished) at his teaching, 29 because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.

WHAT IS THE PROMISE?

The promise is the sufficiency of a foundation that withstand the rain and wind.
It is not a promise of a storm free life, but a foundation for our life.

STABILITY

Stability is finding peace & security in all circumstances because of my trust in Christ.

In order to live like this, we have to be like this.

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Matthew 5:17-20 NIV

17 “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. 18 For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished.

19 Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. 20 For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

WHAT IS LACKING THAT NEEDED FILLING?

This is not a BETTER OBEDIENCE to the Torah...
but a DIFFERENT OBEDIENCE to follow Jesus.

Stability is a result of TRUST. Always.

The execution of strategies, even religious strategies, are not sufficient.

Hebrews 7:18-19 NIV

18 The former regulation is set aside because it was weak and useless 19 (for the law made nothing perfect), and a better hope is introduced, by which we draw near to God.

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- His fulfillment makes reconciliation available.
- Our faith accomplishes this.

His fulfillment is accomplished as we learn not only to ***live out***, but ***live as*** His people.

"In the absence of all hope ambition dies, and the very self is weakened, corroded. There remains only the elemental will to live and accept life on the terms that are available. There is a profound measure of resourcefulness in all life, a resourcefulness that is guaranteed by the underlying aliveness of life itself." (Howard Thurman)

- It is not "how" we navigate the world, but the kind of people we are as we navigate.
- Our identity contributes more to how we navigate this world than our skill at navigating does.

WHERE YOU FIND STABILITY

- What do you depend upon for your Stability? (Your Security)
- What is the condition of the foundation you trust?