

2023 THEME "Today is the Day!"

2 Corinthians 6:1-2 NLT As God's partners, we beg you not to accept this marvelous gift of God's kindness and then ignore it. 2 For God says, "At just the right time, I heard you. On the day of salvation, I helped you." Indeed, the "right time" is now. Today is the day of salvation.

Two Foundations Matthew 7:24-27

What set the _____ man apart from the _____ man? Matthew 7:24 & 26

Today, We Have a Decision to Make

- 1) To hear and know what Jesus' Word says _____.
- 2) To hear and know what Jesus' Word says and _____.

What is it that Jesus has commanded us to do? (Sermon on the Mount, Matthew 5:1 - 7:12)

These are only a few of Jesus' commands. There are many more.

The question we must all ask ourselves is "Have I heard only, or have I heard and obeyed?"

Today's Next Step: In 2023, I will join the Believers Church Family and read my Bible through in One Year. www.bible.com/en/reading-plans/60

Today's Next Step: Not only will I read and hear the Word of God, but I will also obey and do what God's Word is telling me to do.

Jesus' Commandments Lead to _____! Matthew 7:21-23 21

Obeying Jesus is not intended to make your life miserable and burden you with laws of legalism. God wants the best for your life and obeying His commands will help His plan be fulfilled for you.

Abundant Life: John 10:10 / Eternal Life: John 12:49-50 / John 15:14 & 17 / 1 John 5:2-3

The Aftermath of the Storm

The _____ Foundation Matthew 7:25 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.

The _____ Foundation Matthew 7:27 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."

It's not a matter of if a storm comes, but when the storm comes. Matthew 5:11 / John 16:33

If your house is built upon the rock, it will stand in any type of storm! Psalms 34:19

How we survive in the storm is determined long before we find ourselves in one.

Today Matters, so let's not only hear the words of Jesus, let's do what Jesus says to do. Today Obey!

Today's Next Step: I, Pastor Scott, challenge you to read your Bible and when you read something you are supposed to do, stop and do what it says, then read again.

Life App Group and Family Devotional Application

1. In Matthew 7, Jesus tells of two men building houses with what two types of foundations?
2. What set the wise man apart from the foolish man?
3. We all know and hear of lot of Jesus' commandments, but how are we doing obeying God's Word? Why do you think so many people struggle with the obeying part?
4. Some say, "Rules and regulations, who needs them?" Why did Jesus give us commandments and rules? (John 10:10, John 12:49-50, John 15:14&17, 1 John 5:2-3)
5. Share about a storm that came into your life. How did knowing, hearing, and obeying God's word help you get through the storm?
6. In conclusion, what is the best way to storm proof your house?

Answers: wise – foolish / only – do – it / Life / Rock / Sand