

RTCWG #2: MATTHEW 7:24-27 WHOSE WORDS WILL YOU BUILD ON?

POWER IN WORDS: Words build up tear down. Brought peace brought war, initiated civil rights movements, led to the collapse of countries created ideologies build countries, warmed hearts wedding ceremonies, destroyed lives in divorce courts. Strengthened a child. Left wounds remain 50yrs later. **WORDS SHAPE UR LIFE**

- 30,000/day – influencing, ideating, determining identity, sense of self, treatment of others, perspective of the future, interpretation of the present.
- Culture is based in language/words.. - We are socialized/influenced by what we hear and what we see – NONE OF US R AN ISLAND TO OURSELVES

Somebody's words are shaping you.

- **YOU HAVE HEARD THAT WAS SAID...BUT I SAY TO YOU – 30K/DAY**

Circulating in the culture –Set the record straight –**CLAIM – STRONG LIFE BUILT**

MP: The words of Jesus are worthy for you to build your life upon.

WE LIVE IN AN AGE OF DECEPTION AND MANIPULATION

News feeds – algorithms SM – agendas&propaganda – REINF LIE ~~TRUTH~~ **WHOSE**
Everybody believes somebody.

CULTURE CREATED BY GOD BUT AFFECTED BY THE FALL

- Satan penetrated purest culture – LIE perverted truth/misrep God – **SIN BROKEN** – ULTIMATE BABEL – **UNIFIED SEC/PROGRESS CAST OFF GOD**
 - o NOT CHANGED: Goodness God in culture, twisted by sin, perverted Devil

John 8:44 He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

- Not just matter compet ideas MARKETPLACE – **EFFORT DECEIVE UNDERWAY**

The devil wants you to discover your life..... apart from God.

TRUTH MATTERS

- MATTERED ORIGIN STORY – **CHRIST THE EPICENTER** – REVEAL TRUTH

John 18:37. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.” ³⁸ Pilate said to him, “What is truth?” (POSTMODERN)

THE POWER OF CHRIST'S WORDS

NOT JESUS FOLLOWER – why so emphasis WORDS

ACCORDING TO JESUS – HIS WORDS ARE WORTHY FOR YOU TO BUILD YOUR LIFE ON

- Answers most important questions in your life – **JUST SERMON ON MOUNT**
 - o TRUTH AS CREATED BY GOD: Origin – Destiny – Meaning – Morality

Moral and Ethical Guidance, Spiritual Fulfillment, Community and belonging, guidance for decision making, personal transformation, hope and resilience, legacy of positive change, culture for family, quest for meaning – **KINGDOM OF GOD - BUILD THIS OUT**
JESUS' WORDS BRING FREEDOM (ROOM FULL OF PEOPLE)

John 8:31 So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples,³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

TRUTH CLAIMS: Not have a better life – He is giver of life, philosophize life after death – to be the resurrection, information about God – Son of God Way to God ONE FATHER: living water, gift given by father saves people from perishing, lose life my sake find it

CRUCIFIED FOR SINS OF THE WORLD ROSE AGAIN FROM DEAD –

The resurrection proves that Jesus has the authority to bring His claims to pass.

- ALL MATTERS...fam, sexuality, identity, love, gender, value, ethics – JESUS ANSWERS
- BTW: The devil is more than happy for you to have 95% truth with 5% lie

Degree of diffin a flight plan: Los Angeles to NYC. If pilot was to make a small adjustment and turn 3.5 degrees south, end up in Washington DC, instead of NYC. Barely noticeable when taking off, cabin pressure, drinks served, –**EAST NORTH EAST/30K – PROBABLY GET SHOT DOWN...**

Hear and DOES – **THAT IS THE COMMUNITY OF JESUS FOLLOWERS**

THE CHURCH IS THE CONTRAST COMMUNITY

The church is the living manifestation of Christ's claims and His power to bring them to pass.

- YOUR LIFE - EXHIBIT A – CHEM CLASS – WHEN YOU DO IT
 - o ERA NEW KINGDOM BIRTHED POWER REZ – **MIXED WRD/FAITH**

People want to know it works before they will believe it's true. SEE IT IN YOUR LIFE
HOLINESS MATTERS

Holiness isn't just about the quality of your worship it's also about the quality of your testimony.

2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

- We have to stay on track – LIVES LINE UP WITH THE TRUTH – **CITY SET HILL**

1 Timothy 3:15 which is the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of the truth

NT Wright: It's not the job of journalism to hold the world to count; it's the vocation of the church.

- TO LEAD PEOPLE TO JESUS – THE KINGDOM OF GOD – REZ KING
 - o **RADAR TRACKING HURRICANE – PREPARE – STORM IS UPON US**

Whose words are you building your life on, and what claims have they made? Because no claims are greater than Christ's, and no one has the power to fulfill them like He does.