

# DIGGING DEEPER



## In Every Teaching...Truth

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This message challenges us to reconsider what it means to build our spiritual lives on a firm foundation of truth. Drawing from Jesus' parable of the wise and foolish builders in Matthew 7, we're reminded that both houses looked complete and secure until the storm came. The difference wasn't in outward appearance or religious activity, but in what lay beneath the surface. When torrential rains and floods arrive in our lives, when grief strikes or circumstances overwhelm us, that's when the quality of our foundation is revealed. The question isn't whether we attend church regularly or volunteer faithfully, but whether we've built our understanding of who God is on the unchanging truth of Scripture. This message invites us to examine our own foundations and asks us to consider: when the storms of life come, will we hold tightly to God or drift away? The beauty of God's Word as our foundation is found in Hebrews 4:12, where Scripture is described not as a burden but as something alive and powerful, sharp enough to expose our innermost thoughts and desires. In a culture where truth shifts with opinions and circumstances, we're offered something solid and unchanging to stand on.

<p>01. How does building your life on the truth of Scripture compare to the wise builder in Jesus' parable, and what 'storms' have revealed the foundation of your own faith?</p> <p>03. What does it practically look like in your daily life to use Scripture as the 'final and absolute authority for belief and conduct' when facing decisions or challenges?</p> <p>05. The sermon mentions that some Christians give up on God during grief while others grow closer to Him—what role does understanding truth play in determining which path someone takes?</p> <p>07. What does it mean that God's word is 'alive and powerful' rather than just a historical text, and how have you experienced this living quality in your own spiritual journey?</p> <p>09. How can we maintain consistency in studying God's word to build spiritual strength, and what practical barriers prevent you from engaging with Scripture regularly?</p>	<p>02. In what ways have you experienced rules or restrictions in your Christian walk as burdensome versus life-giving, and how has understanding God's heart behind them changed your perspective?</p> <p>04. How can we distinguish between cultural or traditional church rules and biblical truth, and why is this distinction important for spiritual freedom?</p> <p>06. How does the concept that 'salvation is not a reward for good things you have done' free you from striving to earn God's love, and how might this truth transform your relationship with Him?</p> <p>08. The sermon warns against 'merely listening to the word' without doing what it says—what is one specific truth you've heard recently that you need to apply more intentionally in your life?</p> <p>10. In what ways might you be 'drifting away' from truth due to inattention or laziness, and what steps can you take to move from spiritual stagnation toward maturity and growth?</p>
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### Remember...

"The more you understand the truth of who God is and how he wants to have a relationship with you, the more you will find freedom and wholeness in life."