

# SERMON NOTES:

Perilous Waters | *Navigating the Dangerous Currents Shaping the Church*

## Part 2: Deconstruction Without Rebuilding

**BIG Idea:** Tearing down faith without rebuilding it leaves believers unformed, not free.

**Application:** Examine whether your questions are leading you toward a more faithful understanding of Christ or quietly teaching you that nothing can ever be trusted.

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### 1 Timothy 4:1-2 (NLT)

<sup>1</sup>Now the Holy Spirit tells us clearly that in the last times some will turn away from the true faith; they will follow deceptive spirits and teachings that come from demons. <sup>2</sup>These people are hypocrites and liars, and their consciences are dead.

Deconstruction is merely apostasy with a post-modern identity. It is a doctrine of demons.

The text deconstructionists view as unreliable is the Bible and the external presence that they rebel against is their Creator.

Human wisdom gets elevated above God's revelation.

### 2 Timothy 4:3-4 (NLT)

<sup>3</sup>For a time is coming when people will no longer listen to sound and wholesome teaching. They will follow their own desires and will look for teachers who will tell them whatever their itching ears want to hear. <sup>4</sup>They will reject the truth and chase after myths.

### Jude 3-8 (NLT)

<sup>3</sup>Dear friends, I had been eagerly planning to write to you about the salvation we all share. But now I find that I must write about something else, urging you to defend the faith that God has entrusted once for all time to his holy people. <sup>4</sup>I say this because some ungodly people have wormed their way into your churches, saying that God's marvelous grace allows us to live immoral lives. The condemnation of such people was recorded long ago, for they have denied our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ. <sup>5</sup>So I want to remind you, though you already know these things, that Jesus first rescued the nation of Israel from Egypt, but later he destroyed those who did not remain faithful. <sup>6</sup>And I remind you of the angels who did not stay within the limits of authority God gave them but left the place where they belonged. God has kept them securely chained in prisons of darkness, waiting for the great day of judgment. <sup>7</sup>And don't forget Sodom and Gomorrah and their neighboring towns, which were filled with immorality and every kind of sexual perversion. Those cities were destroyed by fire and serve as a warning of the eternal fire of God's judgment. <sup>8</sup>In the same way, these people—who claim authority from their dreams—live immoral lives, defy authority, and scoff at supernatural beings.

## Jude 12-13 (NLT)

<sup>12</sup>When these people eat with you in your fellowship meals commemorating the Lord's love, they are like dangerous reefs that can shipwreck you. They are like shameless shepherds who care only for themselves. They are like clouds blowing over the land without giving any rain. They are like trees in autumn that are doubly dead, for they bear no fruit and have been pulled up by the roots. <sup>13</sup>They are like wild waves of the sea, churning up the foam of their shameful deeds. They are like wandering stars, doomed forever to blackest darkness.

**Sensuality, not holiness, is promoted. Immorality is permitted, not prohibited. Authority is reviled; rebellion is celebrated.**

## Jude 20-23 (NLT)

<sup>20</sup>But you, dear friends, must build each other up in your most holy faith, pray in the power of the Holy

Spirit, <sup>21</sup>and await the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will bring you eternal life. In this way, you will keep yourselves safe in God's love. <sup>22</sup>And you must show mercy to those whose faith is wavering. <sup>23</sup>Rescue others by snatching them from the flames of judgment. Show mercy to still others, but do so with great caution, hating the sins that contaminate their lives.

**People need mercy. Ideas deserve examination. Wrong ideas require demolition.**

## 1 Corinthians 10:4-5 (NLT)

<sup>4</sup>We use God's mighty weapons, not worldly weapons, to knock down the strongholds of human reasoning and to destroy false arguments. <sup>5</sup>We destroy every proud obstacle that keeps people from knowing God. We capture their rebellious thoughts and teach them to obey Christ.

**Knowledge seeks to answer the questions in our mind. Encounter settles the matter in our heart.**

## John 6:60-69 (NLT)

<sup>60</sup>Many of his disciples said, "This is very hard to understand. How can anyone accept it?" <sup>61</sup>Jesus was aware that his disciples were complaining, so he said to them, "Does this offend you? <sup>62</sup>Then what will you think if you see the Son of Man ascend to heaven again? <sup>63</sup>The Spirit alone gives eternal life. Human effort accomplishes nothing. And the very words I have spoken to you are spirit and life. <sup>64</sup>But some of you do not believe me." (For Jesus knew from the beginning which ones didn't believe, and he knew who would betray him.) <sup>65</sup>Then he said, "That is why I said that people can't come to me unless the Father gives them to me." <sup>66</sup>At this point many of his disciples turned away and deserted him. <sup>67</sup>Then Jesus turned to the Twelve and asked, "Are you also going to leave?" <sup>68</sup>Simon Peter replied, "Lord, to whom would we go? You have the words that give eternal life. <sup>69</sup>We believe, and we know you are the Holy One of God."