God Family Country

GUIDED BIBLE STUDY

Building a Faith That Lasts

Speaker: Donnie Thomas

Highlighted Scripture

• Matthew 7:15
Jesus warns His followers to beware of false prophets who appear harmless outwardly but are inwardly like ferocious wolves, reminding believers that outward appearances do not always reveal the true condition of the heart.

Discussion Questions

• Donnie compares preparing a house for paint to preparing our hearts. What "hidden work" is God doing in your life right now?

• Why is it possible for someone to appear spiritually healthy on the outside while struggling on the inside?

• How do prayer, studying Scripture, and obedience strengthen the unseen foundation of our faith?

• Donnie reminds us not to judge others by outward

appearances. Why is that such an important reminder for Christians?

• What areas of your spiritual life need strengthening beneath the surface?

Reflection Challenge

This week, focus on the unseen work God is doing in your heart.

Ask yourself:

• Am I more concerned with how my faith appears or with how deeply rooted it truly is?

• Are there areas of my life that need God's healing before I simply try to "cover them up"?

• How can I show more grace toward people whose struggles may not be visible?

Try this:

• Spend time each day asking God to reveal areas where your heart needs His transforming work.

• Pray for someone who may be carrying unseen burdens.

• Read Matthew 7:15 and ask God to help you develop discernment without becoming judgmental.

• Thank God for the ways He continues to shape your character, even when no one else sees the process.

Remember

• God is concerned with the condition of our hearts, not just our outward appearance.

• Lasting spiritual growth begins with the unseen work of God within us.

• A genuine relationship with Christ transforms both our inner life and our outward actions.

• We should extend grace to others because we rarely know the struggles they are carrying.

• Spiritual maturity is built over time through faithful obedience and daily dependence on God.

Prayer

Father God,

Thank You for caring about my heart even more than my outward appearance. Continue Your work within me, repairing the places that are broken and strengthening the foundation of my faith. Help me not to settle for looking like a follower of Christ but to become one whose life is genuinely transformed from the inside out. Give me compassion toward others, remembering that I often cannot see what they are carrying. May my life reflect the work You are doing within me and bring glory to You.

In Jesus' name,

Amen.