FAMILY MATTERS

Family Built on a Firm Foundation

"These Sayings of Mine": Matthew 7:1–23 at the Family Table

"*Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock.*"
Matthew 7:24

The Rock is not just hearing the words of Yeshua. It is doing them. "These sayings" reach back through the whole Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5 through 7). Here is the closing stretch of it, brought home to the family table.

Text	The Saying (KJV)	At Home It Looks Like
Matt 7:1–2	"*Judge not, that ye be not judged... with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.*"	Don't condemn or write off a family member. The grace you give at the table is the grace you'll need at the table.
Matt 7:3–5	"*First cast out the beam out of thine own eye.*"	In a conflict, start with "here's where I was wrong." Deal with your part before you correct theirs.
Matt 7:6	"*Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine.*"	Use wisdom and good timing with holy things. Don't force them on a heart that isn't ready, or in the heat of an argument. Live it out, and wait for the open door.
Matt 7:7–8	"*Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.*"	Keep praying together and for one another. Don't quit on the prodigal, the marriage, or the miracle.
Matt 7:9–11	"*Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone?*"	Parents reflect the Father. Meet real needs with good gifts, and don't answer a child's need with harshness.
Matt 7:12	"*Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them.*"	Treat your spouse, your children, and your parents the way you want to be treated, especially when you're tired or under pressure.
Matt 7:13–14	"*Enter ye in at the strait gate.*"	Some of your family's standards will be narrower than the world's. Choose them together, even when they're not popular.
Matt 7:15–20	"*Ye shall know them by their fruits.*"	Weigh the voices you let into your home (media, influencers, teachers) by their fruit, not their charm.
Matt 7:21–23	"*Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord... but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.*"	Faith at church has to show up as obedience at home. Saying the right words is not the same as doing the will.

At your table this week

Pick one row. Read the saying together, talk about what it looks like in your house, and pray that God would help your family do it, not just hear it.