

Series: Kingdom Come

Sermon Title: Follow Jesus, Not Your Heart

Passage: Matthew 7:24-27

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Main Point: Heart-Change is Necessary for Life-Change

Acts 22:22 (CSB)

“They listened to him up to this point. Then they raised their voices, shouting, ‘Wipe this man off the face of the earth! He should not be allowed to live!’”

Acts 23:12–16 (CSB)

¹²When it was morning, the Jews formed a conspiracy and bound themselves under a curse not to eat or drink until they had killed Paul.

¹³There were more than forty who had formed this plot.

¹⁴These men went to the chief priests and elders and said, “We have bound ourselves under a solemn curse that we won’t eat anything until we have killed Paul.

¹⁵So now you, along with the Sanhedrin, make a request to the commander that he bring him down to you as if you were going to investigate his case more thoroughly. But, before he gets near, we are ready to kill him.”

¹⁶But the son of Paul’s sister, hearing about their ambush, came and entered the barracks and reported it to Paul.

John 12:42-43 (CSB)

“Nevertheless, many did believe in him even among the rulers, but because of the Pharisees they did not confess him, so that they would not be banned from the synagogue. For they loved human praise more than praise from God.”

Matthew 7:24-27

²⁴ “Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. ²⁶ But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. ²⁷ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”

The problem with Following Your Heart:

- **Your heart changes.**
- **Your heart isn’t pure.**

- **Your heart is selfish.**
- **Your heart is limited.**
- **Your heart can't be trusted.**

How do we follow Jesus, not our heart?

- **Repent of your sins.**
- **Deny Yourself.**
- **Communion with God.**

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