



SERMON ON THE MOUNT



FALSE PROPHETS

MATTHEW 7:13-14

Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.

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PROVERBS 14:12

There is a way that appears to be right,
but in the end it leads to death.

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JOHN 14:6

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

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LIFE (ZOE):
VIBRANCY, FLOURISHING, WHOLENESS.

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DESTRUCTION (APŌLEIA):
CUT OFF, ROTTING, DECAYING,
DEATH, RUIN.

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***DESTRUCTION* (FESTERING)**

VS.

***DISCOVERY* (FLOURISHING)**

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NARROW (STENOS):
TO GROAN OR COMPLAIN.

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**SALVATION IS *FREE*.
TRANSFORMATION WILL
COST YOU *EVERYTHING*.**

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MARK 8:35-36

For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?

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**“HELL IS NOTHING BUT
TRUTH KNOWN TOO LATE.”**

– JC Ryle

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MATTHEW 7:15

Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves.

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1 TIMOTHY 1:19

Holding on to faith and a good conscience,
which some have rejected and so have
suffered shipwreck with regard to the faith.

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HEBREWS 2:1

We must pay the most careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away.

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**“COLLAPSE IN THE CHRISTIAN
LIFE IS SELDOM A BLOWOUT.
IT IS USUALLY A SLOW DRIFT.”**

– Paul E. Little

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1 TIMOTHY 6:20-21

Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to your care. Turn away from godless chatter and the opposing ideas of what is falsely called knowledge, which some have professed and in so doing have departed from the faith.

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FALSE PROPHETS
(PSEUDOPROPHETES)

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MATTHEW 24:24

For false messiahs and false prophets will appear and perform great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.

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2 CORINTHIANS 4:4

The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

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**PEOPLE ARE BLINDED
BY *IGNORANCE*
AND *ARROGANCE*.**

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COLOSSIANS 1:13

For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves.

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ACTS 26:18

To open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins.

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***FALSE PROPHETS CREATE
FALSE PROBLEMS
IN ORDER TO APPEAR AS
TRUE MESSIAHS.***

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**“CULTURAL ENGAGEMENT WITHOUT
CULTURAL DISCERNMENT LEADS TO
CULTURAL CAPTIVITY.”**

– Ken Meyers

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HEBREWS 5:14 ESV

But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil.

1 JOHN 4:1 ESV

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world.

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COLOSSIANS 2:8 ESV

See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ.

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REBELLIOUS SPIRIT IN A SECULAR WORLD

1. Relativism: “Everything is about me and for me.”
2. Pluralism: “Everything is true, if I want it to be.”
3. Cynicism: “Everything is hopeless.”
4. Nihilism: “Everything is meaningless.”
5. Materialism: “Everything I want should be mine.
6. Hedonism: “Everything should feel good.”

2 CORINTHIANS 11:3 ESV

But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ.



“WHAT WAS UNIVERSALLY CONDEMNED IS NOW CELEBRATED...WHAT WAS UNIVERSALLY CELEBRATED IS NOW CONDEMNED...THOSE WHO REFUSE TO CELEBRATE ARE CONDEMNED.”

– Theo Hobson

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**IF SATAN CANNOT DETHRONE
GOD *IN HEAVEN,*
HE WILL TRY TO DETHRONE
GOD *IN HEARTS.***

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GENESIS 3:4-5

“You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman. “For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

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1 SAMUEL 15:23 GNT

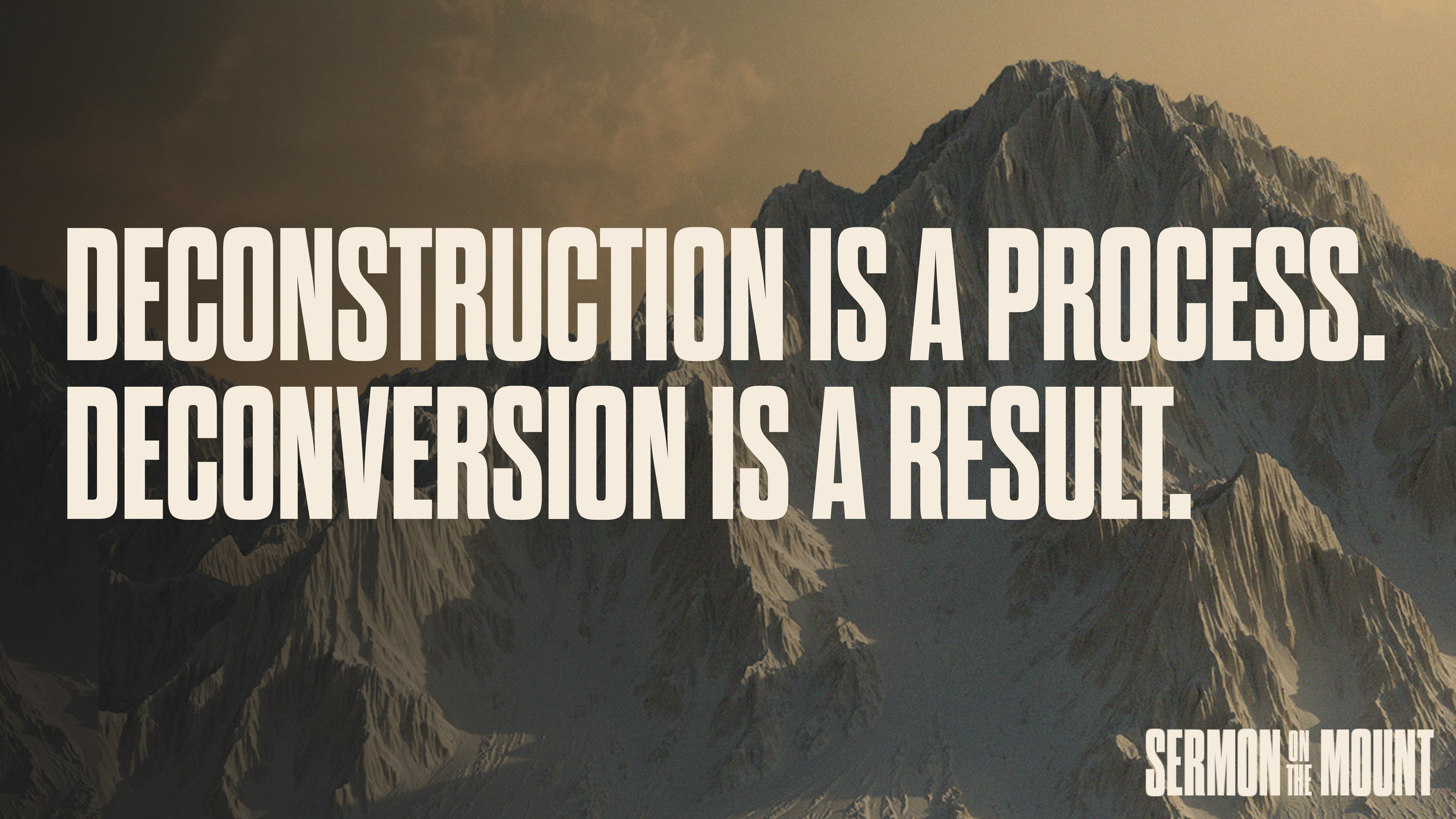
Rebellion against him is as bad as witchcraft,
and arrogance is as sinful as idolatry.

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ROMANS 1:24-25

Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator

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**DECONSTRUCTION IS A PROCESS.
DECONVERSION IS A RESULT.**

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2 TIMOTHY 4:3

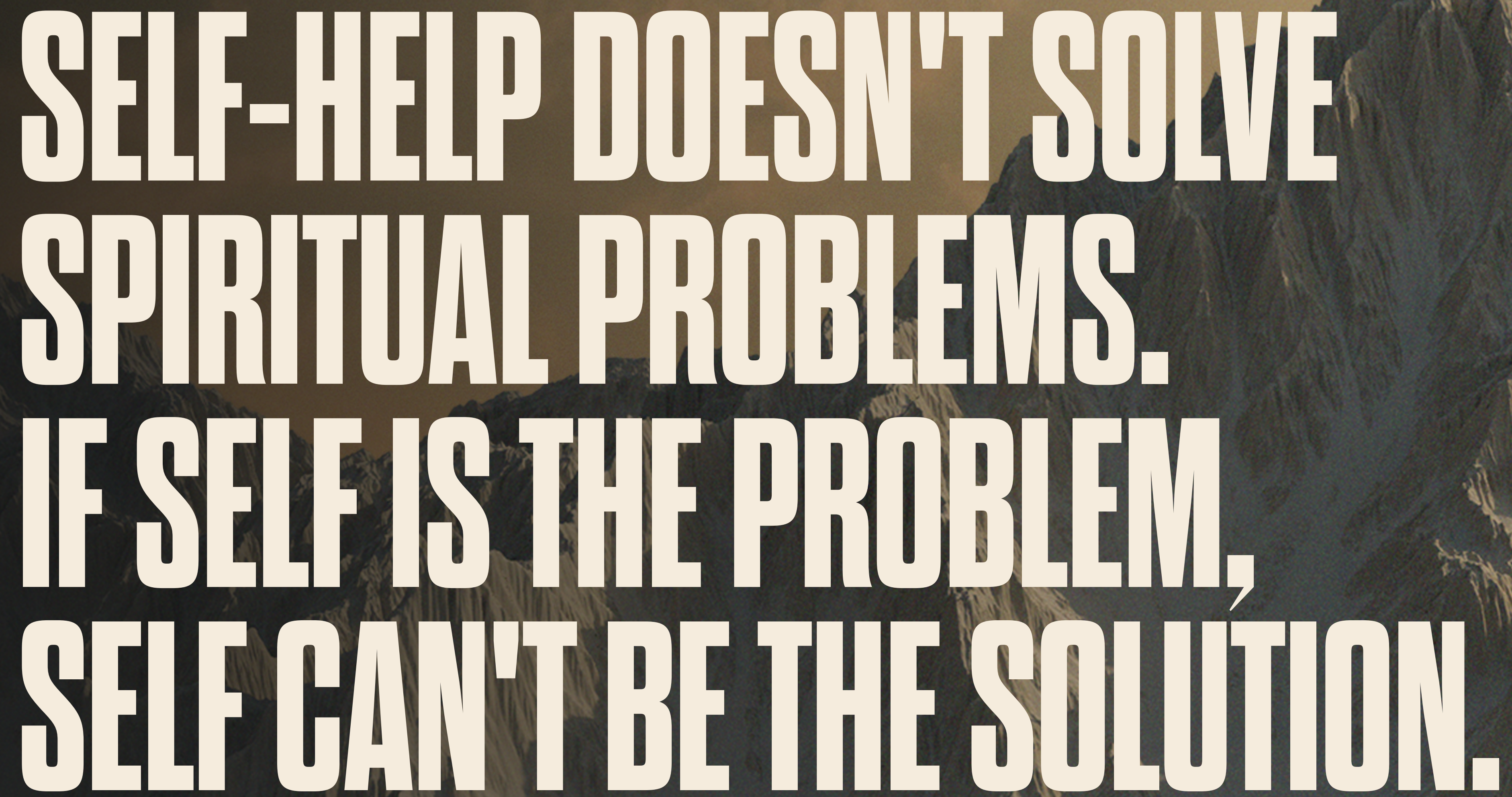
For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear.

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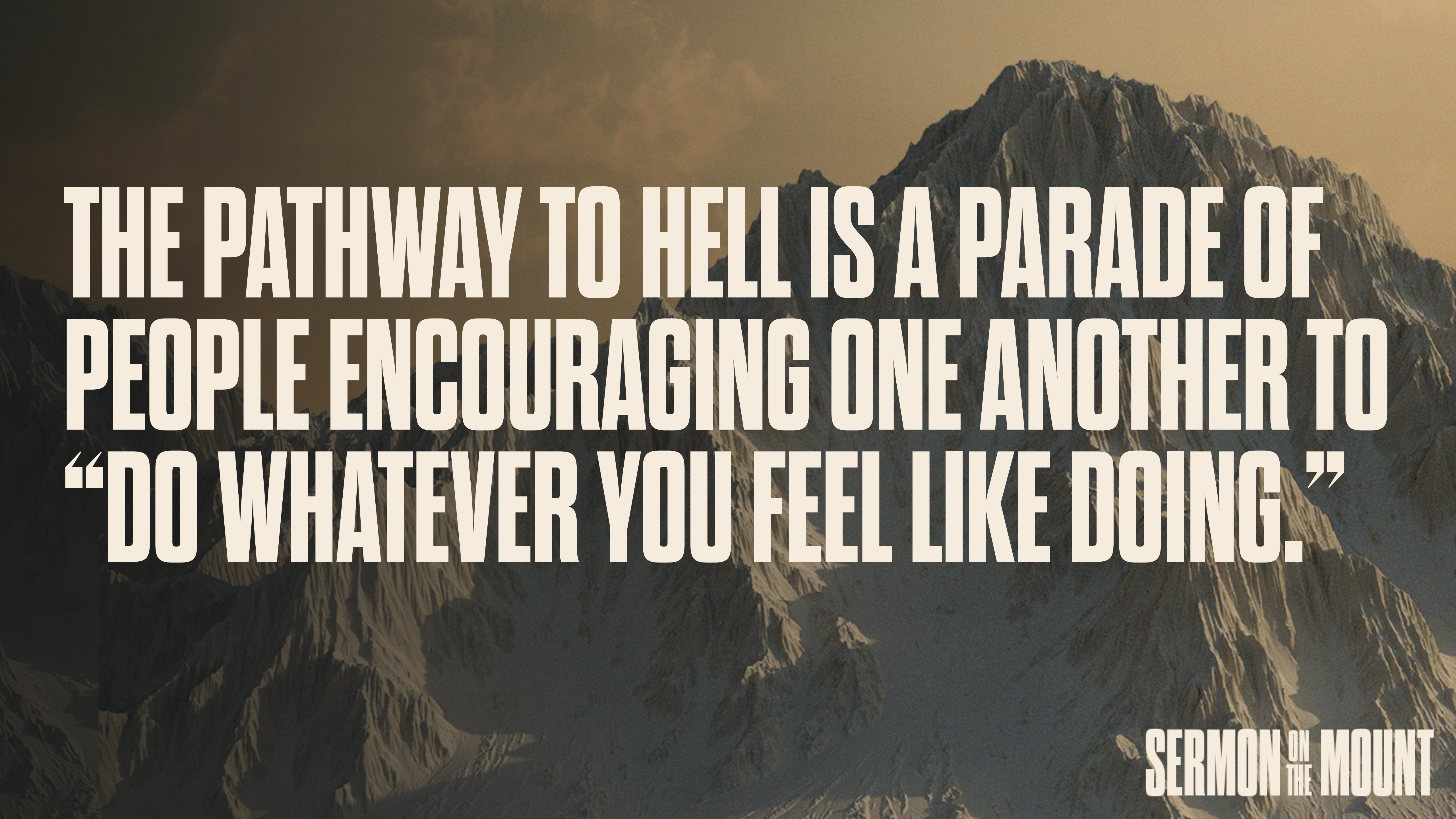
***SATAN'S STRATEGY IS SIMPLE:
MAKE SIN LOOK NORMAL AND
RIGHTEOUSNESS LOOK STRANGE.***

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**SELF-HELP DOESN'T SOLVE
SPIRITUAL PROBLEMS.
IF SELF IS THE PROBLEM,
SELF CAN'T BE THE SOLUTION.**

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**THE PATHWAY TO HELL IS A PARADE OF
PEOPLE ENCOURAGING ONE ANOTHER TO
“DO WHATEVER YOU FEEL LIKE DOING.”**

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MATTHEW 7:16-20

By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles?

Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.

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***FRUIT =
DEEDS AND CREEDS***

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FRUIT OF FALSE PROPHETS

1. False Prophets replace the authority of the Bible
2. False Prophets deny the divinity of Father, Son, and Spirit
3. False Prophets divide the church rather than unite it
4. False Prophets promote all roads lead to Heaven
5. False Prophets encourage self-indulgence over self-sacrifice
6. False Prophets make predictions that don't come true
7. False Prophets believe in the plurality of gods
8. False Prophets preach a false gospel
9. False Prophets champion "true to self" over "true to God"
10. False Prophets conform to the world instead of Christ
11. False Prophets camouflage deception with compassion

MATTHEW 7:21-23

“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?’ Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’”

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What path would you describe you are on: wide or narrow?
2. What are the differences between the wide and narrow road?
3. Why do you think people are attracted to the wide road?
4. What false prophets do you see in the world today?
5. What deceptive lies do you see in the world today?
6. How can we as the church be more discerning?



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