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Sermon Title: Building Your Life on Jesus

Sermon Series: Building Your Life on Jesus

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Sermon Text: Luke 6:46-49

Sermon-Based Discussion

INTRODUCTION

Of all the people in the world and in the US that profess to follow Jesus Christ, a (very) small percentage of those people seem to actually try to know and practice the way of Jesus. In this new series of sermons and Bible studies, we'll look at how someone practically builds a life on Jesus Christ. In this first session, Jesus calls us to taken an honest look at ourselves about *if* and *how much* we really are building our life on him.

OPENING QUESTIONS

1. Would you agree that more people seem to say they follow Jesus, but few actually do? Why do you think this is the case?
2. Can someone be mistaken or even fooling himself about whether he builds his life on Jesus?
3. If someone were to ask you "Do you build your life on Jesus?" how would you try to figure out the answer to that question?

Getting Into the Passage. Read Luke 6:46-49

4. What is the difference between the 2 types of houses Jesus describes?
5. Can you tell the difference between these 2 types of houses from just watching on the outside?
6. What is the moment of truth to see if what each house is built on?

GOING DEEPER

Jesus describes a house in two ways: before a storm and after a storm. Before a storm, time and resources are invested in building up the house on the foundation. After the storm, you see how well the house was built on the foundation. In this context, "storms" probably refers to times of testing through hardship or trials.

7. If storms are times of testing, what can we do before each storm to ensure our lives are built on Jesus?
8. If storms are times of testing, what can we learn about our foundations after each storm?

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

Ask yourself, am I just saying that I'm building my life on Jesus, or am I really do so? Will you pray and ask God to show you? Will you consider asking someone who knows you what they see from their perspective? Will you commit to journeying with us as we go through this series on Building Your Life on Jesus?

CHANGING YOUR MIND

I will show you what he is like who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice. He is like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck the house but could not shake it, because it was well built. (Luke 6:47-48, NIV)

Luke 6:46-49

⁴⁶"Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say? ⁴⁷I will show you what he is like who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice. ⁴⁸He is like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built. ⁴⁹But the one who hears my words and does not put them into practice is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. The moment the torrent struck that house, it collapsed and its destruction was complete."