



## Discipleship Bible Study

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### **Declaration:** I Choose Jesus – Lord, Build Your House! Part 2

#### **Focus Text:**

**Matthew 7:24-27 NLT** 24 “Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. 25 Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won’t collapse because it is built on bedrock. 26 But anyone who hears my teaching and doesn’t obey it is foolish, like a person who builds a house on sand. 27 When the rains and floods come and the winds beat against that house, it will collapse with a mighty crash.”

**1 John 3:1 NIV** “See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.”

#### **Sunday Recap:**

Matthew 6:31-34 NLT - Psalm 103:13-17 NLT - 1 Peter 2:4-5 ESV

As true disciples of Jesus Christ, the Holy Scriptures are a treasure trove of God’s riches, available to us continually as we seek Him. The word of God is beautifully interconnected, revealing God’s Fatherly Love, the nature of discipleship, our identity as His Children in/through Christ, and our purpose as His living stones – being built up into His House! As we continue to dive into Matthew 7:24-27, we find the call to act upon the teachings of Jesus to be the greatest encouragement that we can receive. This is not only a call to life saving, life changing obedience but a call to stability that comes from being rooted in Christ, our firm foundation. Acting on His word ensures that we are resilient and persevere despite and through life’s storms. This call to trust and obey the Lord is made beautifully simple as we embrace God as our all loving, all knowing, only good, heavenly Father. The love he has **lavished** (poured out, with overflowing, endless and consistent divine quality, care and concern for us) empowers us and strengthens our faith. 1 John 3:1 establishes and solidifies our identity as His dear children. When we embrace God as our ultimate Father, it not only comforts us but also inspires us to imitate His attributes of love and righteousness in our lives – despite what anyone else has done to us or around us.

In Matthew 6:31-34, we are admonished to trust God’s care and concern as our Father. Jesus encourages us not even to worry about our needs. Instead, we are invited to seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, trusting that our Father not only knows what we need, but has provided it in Himself. This trust allows us to focus on building our spiritual house, prepared to offer ourselves as living sacrifices. Dear children, as we embrace our identity in Christ, 1 Peter 2:4-5 affirms our purpose, we are not simply recipients of His love but are actively being constructed into a spiritual house, demonstrating His glory and sharing His grace with the world.

The assurance of God's love is beautifully reflected in Psalm 103:13-17, highlighting the kindness of our Lord but also reassuring us that even in our weaknesses - His compassion and lovingkindness is given to us and our descendants. Stand encouraged that His love reinforces our identity as His children and strengthens our resolve in discipleship. Choosing to accept Him as our Father is choosing His love, His Life and His liberty for eternity. It is a rejection of the worlds perverted version of these virtues, for a lifestyle of growth in truth and righteousness. Let us embrace our identity in Christ and partnership with Him as wise builders, anchored in faith, rooted in the love of our Father, as we diligently seek His kingdom. May we live confidently as His beloved children, honoring Him in all that we do, and allowing Him to build us into a house of worship and service, reflective of His character and love. Choose Jesus, Choose the Father's Love! Lord, Build Your House!

### **Choosing Jesus is choosing:**

- The Father's Love (Romans 5:8 NLT)
- The Father's Life (Ephesians 5:1-2 AMP)
- The Father's Liberty (Romans 6:18-19, Galatians 5:13-14 AMP)

### **Interconnecting points - What Can we Expect when God Builds the House?**

- TRANSFORMATION - BY THE FATHER'S LOVE
- ONENESS - THROUGH LIVING THE FATHER'S LIFE
- TRUE LOVE - FREEDOM TO LOVE OTHERS AS THE FATHER LOVES YOU

**Choices:** Choosing Jesus is a sacred act, and as we stand each day at the crossroads of our choices, we must choose Him daily - moment to moment, despite every temptation and challenge. God's Word gives us a powerful reminder of the importance and call to this level of decision-making. Joshua declared, "If it is unacceptable in your sight to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve...; but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." (Joshua 24:15). Choosing Jesus means embracing Him as the very core of our existence and it invites us into a relationship that transcends all earthly confusion and falsehoods. In choosing Him, we are choosing the real, the authentic, and the ultimate source of life itself.

So, I urge you dear brothers and sisters, make that choice in all you do. Choose Jesus again and again and again - inviting Him into every situation and challenge you face. Trust in His promises, anchor your life in His teachings, and allow His love to guide your every decision. In Him lies the ultimate security and purpose that we all seek. Let us, as a community of believers, boldly proclaim, "but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD." Choose Jesus today, tomorrow, and every day thereafter, and watch the transformation unfold in your heart and life.

REMEMBER - Jesus wants to build your house, live in your house and live out of your House! Choose Him Today!

## **Biblical summary: Choosing to follow Jesus' Teaching – Matthew 6**

*\*The Following references will be taken from the Amplified Version of Scripture.*

### Our Foundation in the Father's Love:

In Chapter 6, Jesus encourages us, His disciples, to align our hearts and actions with the true spirit of our faith and the essence of our devotion. True life in Christ is produced from an intimate relationship with our Heavenly Father, who is attentive to our every need and concern. As we look into this passage, we must embrace its teachings as the continual blueprint for building our lives on the solid foundation of Christ.

#### **1. Generosity for an audience of One (Matthew 6:1-4):**

Jesus begins by addressing an act of righteousness and worship— our giving. He challenges us to pursue this practice with the right motive, ensuring that it is not done for human recognition or attention but in the secret place where our Father resides. "But when you give to the poor and do acts of kindness, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing" (Matthew 6:3). This teaching reminds us that true generosity flows from love and not from a desire for approval or to be seen by people.

#### **2. Intimacy in prayer and fasting for an audience of One (Matthew 6:5-15):**

Next, He addresses prayer (dependent communication, asking of God) and fasting (abstaining from food or physical sustenance to focus on deepening relationship with God). Jesus teaches us that prayer and fasting should not be and is not a performance; it's a heartfelt communion and commitment with and to God. "But when you pray, go into your most private room, close the door and pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees [what is done] in secret will reward you" (Matthew 6:6). This invitation emphasizes the importance of a personal connection, reminding us of the Father's love that always welcomes our concerns, and must be to with intentionality, from a humble and submitted heart. This encouragement is not instructing believers to only pray alone and in private, but to always pray from a heart that is only seeking the attention of the Lord.

#### **3. Trust that God has and will provide (Matthew 6:25-34):**

Woven throughout this passage is a profound assurance that God cares for His creation. "Look at the birds of the air... Are you not worth much more than they?" (Matthew 6:26). Jesus calls us to remember that our Father knows our needs and that worry is unnecessary. Instead, He invites us to focus on seeking His kingdom and righteousness, trusting that He will provide all we need. Trusting that in His salvation our biggest problem (sin) has already been solved in Him and He will also freely give us all things that we need.

### Further Discussion Scriptures:

**Proverbs 3:5-8 NLT** *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. 6 Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take. 7 Don't be impressed with your own wisdom. Instead, fear the Lord and turn away from evil. 8 Then you will have healing for your body and strength for your bones."*

**2 Peter 1:3 NLT** *"By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know him, the one who called us to himself by means of his marvelous glory and excellence."*

**John 14:6 NLT** *“Jesus told him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.*

**Romans 5:1-5 NLT** *‘Therefore, since we have been made right in God’s sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us. 2 Because of our faith, Christ has brought us into this place of undeserved privilege where we now stand, and we confidently and joyfully look forward to sharing God’s glory. 3 We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. 4 And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. 5 And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.’*

**Discussion Questions (for personal reflection, small groups or in-home family bible studies):**

1. Who in your life can you bless today without expectation of reciprocation or gratitude? Consider how this act can deepen both your faith and your relationship with God as you seek to please Him alone.
2. When do you prioritize time to pray privately? Do you Create a sacred space in your daily routine where you can connect with God in a personal way—pouring out your heart, seeking His will, and experiencing His response of love?
3. What are the areas of your life where you feel anxious or worried? How can you choose Jesus over worry and prioritize seeking His kingdom today?
4. How do you know that your life is being built on the Solid Rock?

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