

CAN YOU NAVIGATE THE DIFFICULTIES OF LIFE?

- ❖ **We need a great teacher**
- ❖ **We need a great Savior!**
- ❖ ***Jesus is that one and only person who will accomplish both needs!***

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT, OR, NAVIGATING LIFE


- ❖ **Learning the Christian 'walk'**
- ❖ **Growing in our faith**
- ❖ **Getting closer to Jesus**


SOTM LESSON 13: JUST DO IT!

1. The need to hear
2. The need to do
3. Storms happen
4. I have it on good authority

MATTHEW 7.24-29, NIV


- 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.

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- 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.”

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- ²⁸ When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, ²⁹ because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.

I. THE NEED TO HEAR

- *Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine . .*
- ¹⁴ How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they **believe** in the one of whom they have not **heard?** And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?

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- ¹⁵ And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”
 - Romans 10

JESUS SAID:

- ¹⁵ Whoever has ears, let them hear.
- Matthew 11, 13, Mark 4, Luke 8, 14, Rev 2, 3

2. THE NEED TO DO

- *and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock*
- ²² Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. **Do what it says.** ²³ Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror

- ²⁴ and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. ²⁵ But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.

■ *James 1*

3. STORMS HAPPEN

- ²⁵ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet
- **God** is our **refuge** and **strength**,
an ever-present help in trouble.
- ² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,

- though its waters roar and foam
and the mountains quake with their surging...
- He says, “**Be still**, and **know** that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth.”
- ¹¹ The LORD Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress. **Psalm 46**

4.1 HAVE IT ON GOOD AUTHORITY

- ²⁹ because he taught as one who had authority, . .
- ⁸ The centurion replied, “Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed. ⁹ For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, ‘Go,’ and he goes; Matthew 8

STORMS IN YOUR LIFE? MARK 4

- ³⁷ A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. ³⁸ Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, “Teacher, don’t you care if we drown?”

- ³⁹ He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, “Quiet! Be still!” Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.
- ⁴⁰ He said to his disciples, “Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?”
- ⁴¹ They were terrified and asked each other, “Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!”