



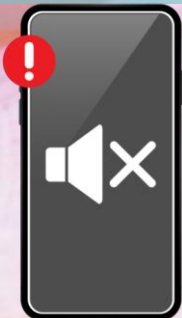
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The Radical Call of The Sermon on the Mount

Please turn to

MATTHEW 7:24-29

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in the Bible under your seat)



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but feel free to check in at Grace and
post all the good stuff on social media!

MATTHEW 7:24-29

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24 “Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock.

25 And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house,

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but it did not fall, because it
had been founded on the rock.
26 And everyone who hears
these words of mine and does
not do them will be like
a foolish man who built
his house on the sand.

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27 And the rain fell,
and the floods came,
and the winds blew and
beat against that house,
and it fell, and great
was the fall of it.”

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28 And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at his teaching,
29 for he was teaching them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes.



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“HOW TO HAVE HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS”



**A RELATIONSHIP CAN ONLY BE
AS HEALTHY AS THE LEAST
HEALTHY PERSON IN IT.**

MATTHEW 7:24

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“Everyone then who hears
these words of mine and does
them will be like a wise man
who built his house on the rock.”

MATTHEW 7:26b

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...like a foolish man who
built his house on the sand.

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HEAR AND OBEY

MATTHEW 7:1-4

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¹ “Judge not, that you be not judged.
² For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you.

MATTHEW 7:1-4

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3 Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?

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4 Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when there is the log in your own eye?”



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“Doug, you are not
Meg’s Holy Spirit.
Stop acting like it.”

Scott Shaum



**WHEN YOU REACH PERFECTION,
THE “PLANK/SPECK” PRINCIPLE
NO LONGER APPLIES.**

RELATIONAL FOUNDATIONS:

- Focus on your own stuff.

MATTHEW 7:7-11

7 “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.
8 For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.

MATTHEW 7:7-11

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⁹ Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? ¹⁰ Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent?

MATTHEW 7:7-11

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11 If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!”



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RELATIONAL FOUNDATIONS:

- Focus on your own stuff.
- Know who you are.

MATTHEW 7:12

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“So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.”

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RELATIONAL FOUNDATIONS:

- Focus on your own stuff.
- Know who you are.
- Be what you are looking for.

MATTHEW 7:13-14

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13 “Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. **14** For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.”

RELATIONAL FOUNDATIONS:

- Focus on your own stuff.
- Know who you are.
- Be what you are looking for.
- Stay focused and on the narrow path.

MATTHEW 7:15-20

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15 “Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. **16** You will recognize them by their fruits.

MATTHEW 7:15-20

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Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles?
¹⁷ So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. ¹⁸ A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit.

MATTHEW 7:15-20

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19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.
20 Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.

MATTHEW 7:18

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A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit.



**PAY ATTENTION TO THE QUALITY
OF THE FRUIT, NOT THE QUANTITY.**

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