

RADICAL – I NEVER KNEW YOU, Mt 7:21-23, 1/15/23

GETTING OUR FEET WET- John Maxwell's story

DIVING INTO SCRIPTURE

I. FOUR SCARY PICTURES- Mt 7:13-29

- Narrow & wide gates & roads- 13-14
- Good & bad trees- 15-20
- "I never knew you"- 21-23
- Wise & foolish builders- 24-27

II. WHAT DO WE DO WITH SCARY SCRIPTURES?

A. We apply them to o_____

B. All agree that Jesus is talking to people who think they are s_____

1. So, Jesus must be talking to followers before the c_____

2. So, Jesus must be talking to people who think they are saved by w_____

III. JESUS' TWO CLUES – of who He is really talking to...

A. I never knew you- True faith e_____ Jesus

B. You evil doers- lit. you who are constantly doing (working, acting) lawlessness

1. Depart from me you who practice lawlessness- Ps 6:8, cf 2 Tim 2:19

2. True faith o_____ Jesus

C. The story of Pete Scazzero – Emotionally Healthy

- Point- Jesus is talking to us who believe in Him, call Him Lord, serve Him but are not e_____ Him & o_____ Him

IV. STUMBLING BLOCKS IN SHEEP'S CLOTHING

A. B_____ - Mk 1:35

B. U_____ & score keeping- Mt 6:14-15, Ezk 33:13

C. Parable of the soils- shallow ground & thorns- Mk 4:13-20

1. Trouble- God didn't stand up for me.
2. Persecution- I'm afraid to stand up for God.
3. W_____ - Will God meet my needs?
4. W_____ - God isn't my biggest need (or joy).
5. We tend to either judge/distrust God or i_____ Him.

TAKING IT HOME- Affirm, Abide, Act

A. **AFFIRM**- "Lord Jesus, I confess that I am a sinner. I have broken your good, holy laws... But I believe you died on the cross and rose again to pay for my sin. I trust you to forgive me. I rest in your work on the cross. Now help me Lord Jesus, to deny myself, take up my cross and follow you all the days of my life."

B. **ABIDE**- experience Jesus

1. Get a hold of your s_____
2. Practice daily quiet time & regular silence, solitude, rest- restoring your union with Jesus
3. Work through your h_____ - your disappointment with God, others, and yourself

C. **ACT**- obey Jesus

1. STOP- what acts, attitudes, thoughts are you practicing that are sin?
 - Ask Jesus to help you
 - Come up with a plan
 - Confess and get an accountability partner
2. START- what does Jesus want you to start doing?

❖ **WHAT'S GOD SAYING TO YOU?** – write it down, pray it back, DO IT, and share it with others!

"Heavenly Father, I trust in Jesus as my Lord and Savior. Now help me to follow Him! Help me get regular in my quiet time. Empower me to forgive & stop keeping score. Help me see You as my biggest need & joy! Father show me how to stop..... and Start joining You, obeying You in I especially hear you saying..."