

# TRANSFERRING THE TITLE

(My Heart, Christ's Home; Message Ten)  
Matthew 7:24-29

- A. When Jesus tells a story, you know it has a deeper meaning
- B. The best way to understand the story is to identify the variable

## EACH PERSON BUILDS A HOUSE

- A. We get distracted thinking about the daily circumstances of our lives
- B. We often make foolish choices
- C. God's very interested in our construction

*"There are various kinds of materials that can be used to build on that foundation. Some use gold and silver and jewels; and some build with sticks and hay or even straw! There is going to come a time of testing at Christ's Judgment Day to see what kind of material each builder has used. Every one's work will be put through the fire so that all can see whether or not it keeps its value, and what was really accomplished. Then every workman who has built on the foundation with the right materials, and whose work still stands, will get his pay." (1 Corinthians 3:12-14; TLB)*

## EVERY HOUSE FACES A STORM

- A. Jesus story is not about building a house where storms never come

*"The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house..." (Matthew 7:25)*

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- B. Jesus doesn't tell the kind of story we'd like for Him to tell

- 1. This is not a story about how to avoid storms...storms always come

*"Don't worry about tomorrow for tomorrow will bring more worries of its own." (Matthew 6:34)*

- 2. Life is not about storm avoidance
- 3. Life is about what/who are you building your house on?

## A HOUSE'S VIABILITY DEPENDS ON ITS FOUNDATION

- A. You can build your life on rock, or you can build your life on sand

*"Whoever hears these words of mine and puts them into practice, is like the wise man who builds his house on the rock." (Matthew 7:24)*

- 1. Jesus: If you listen to me and do what I say you will be wise

- 2. Build your life on anything/anyone else, and you're building foolishly

- B. How did the sand builder get in such a mess?

- 1. The builder didn't set out to do something wrong or evil
- 2. They don't know why they did it or they wouldn't have done it

- C. So Jesus intentionally comes and knocks on our door:

- 1. Jesus says: Build your house/life on the rock. Build it on Jesus Christ

*"Lord, is there a possibility you would be willing to manage the whole house and operate it for me just as you did that closet? Could I give you the responsibility of keeping my heart what it ought to be and myself doing what I ought to be doing. I could see his face light up as he replied, "I'd love to! This is exactly what I came to do. You can't live out the Christian life in your own strength. That is impossible. I'd love to do it for you, but I'm not the owner of this house. I'm just your guest. I have no authority.*

*"In a flash it all became clear. Excitedly, I proclaimed, "Lord, you have been my guest and I've been trying to play the host. From now on you will be the owner and master of the house. Running as fast as I could to the strong box, I took out the title deed to the house...then rushing back to him, I eagerly signed to over giving title to him alone for time and eternity. Dropping to my knees, I presented it to him: "Here it is, all that I am and have forever. Now you run the house." (Bob Munger)*

- 2. Have you done that? To love him means to do what he asks

- 3. The question is what did you build your house on? Who owns the title?

- D. We have the opportunity to build something magnificent

- 1. Don't miss the opportunity of a lifetime
- 2. Turn your title over to Him today

## CERTIFICATE OF TITLE

This is to certify that

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has transferred the ownership  
of his/her heart to

**JESUS CHRIST**  
Son of God, Savior and Lord