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## MOMENTS FROM THE MOUNT

### “When Life Gets Serious- Part III” (ADDENDUM)

We are still talking about “**When Life Gets Serious**”, and this is **Part III**. We have added an *addendum* to the lesson. You can come by the church and pick this up, or you can download it now by going **moments@themount.com**.

So, we made the point over the last two lessons, that we are currently in a “**serious season**”. Things are going on now in our world that none of us have ever experienced. This is a “*serious moment*” in time.

**POWERFUL POINT:** According to the bible (Luke 6:48-49), if you are going to make it during these difficult days, it will really depend upon *one* thing: **YOUR FOUNDATION**.

There are *three* possible foundations that your house (which represent your life), may be built upon.

- 1). You may have the **right** foundation.
- 2). You could have the **wrong** foundation.
- 3). You may not have **any** foundation.

Another name for *this* third foundation would be “**luck**”. This is when you don’t personally plan/do anything, you just “**hope**” that your life turns out good. Every morning that you get up, you take a “**gamble**”. You’re hoping for a “**lucky streak**”. So, as often as you can, you go by your local convenience store, and purchase a “*scratch off*”. “**Hoping**” that this is going to be your “**lucky day**”.

Now, listen to this paragraph from last week’s lesson:

It's possible, that a storm may reveal, that your house (*life*), is built upon the “wrong” foundation (or no foundation). Most people have a foundation, but *their* particular foundation may not hold up, or support them, when a violent storm hits.

- **FROM GOD'S PERSPECTIVE- A “serious season” is always designed as a “door of opportunity”, for the *believer* and the *non-believer*.**

\*\*\*\*\* For the believer, it's your “*door of opportunity*” to grow. **It is carefully designed to take you to another level.** A level that you have **never** operated on, and **never** could operate on, “unless” this “serious season”, this “*door of opportunity*” was opened.

1). **I Corinthians 16:9-** For a **great door** and effectual (**AMP-** effective service) is **opened** unto **me**, and there are **many adversaries**.

2). **I Corinthians 16:9 (CEB)- In spite** of the fact that there are **many opponents**, a **big** and **productive opportunity** has **opened** up for my mission here.

\*\*\*\*\* So, for all believers, this “serious season” that we are currently in, is designed for you to go to, and operate on, a **whole new level**. A level that you have **never** operated on before; but can “now” experience, because the “**door**” has been opened.

**EARTHLY EXAMPLE:** For instance, when a woman has a baby, and it is her first child, a “*door opened*” in her life, for her to be called “**mother**”. Before having that child, she was not “**mother**”.

Now, when this “*door*” opened, and she walked thru it, she graduated from “**level one- the female level**”, and went to “**level two- the mother level**”.

*Every woman is a “female”. But not every female, is a “mother”.*

These are two totally different levels. During this “serious season” in her life, a “door of opportunity” opened, and she went to another level.

**Question:** \_\_\_ yes \_\_\_ no Was there a “*guarantee*” that she would make it to this new level? That she would be called “mother”?

**NO!!!** She could have chosen to “**abort**” this opportunity. She could have said, “This is going to be too hard. I can't do this. I can't raise this child. I'm not walking through this door. And she closed the door.

And so, the end-results are, that she stays on the **same** level.

But, if she should choose to go forward, when her baby grows up, and gives birth to her own children, **another** “door of opportunity” opens up for the original mother. She can go to **level three- the grandmother level**. This door of opportunity had **never** before been open to her.

But now, for the very first time, she can operate on **level three...the grandmother-level**.

Every *female* (**level one**), is not a mother. And every *mother* (**level two**), is not a *grandmother* (**level three**). “Serious moments” in life, take you to different levels!

\*\*\*\*\* This serious season that we are in, is an opportunity, and open door, for you to go to/operate on, another level. One that you have “never” operated on before.

You cannot throw your hands up, give up, and say, “this is too hard, I quit”! Because if you do, you “**abort**” God’s future plans for your life. You close the door!!!

And so, if you are going to continue to move forward and experience spiritual growth, it will be 100% dependent upon your “**foundation**”.

**DEFINITION:** Your foundation can be defined as, “**Whatever you use, rely upon, or depend on, to make it in life**”.

So, let’s look at “three” inadequate foundations. These will not carry you through a “serious season”. Yet many people build their houses (lives) on one or more of these.

**1). Luke 6:48-49-<sup>48</sup>** He is like a man which built an house, and **digged deep**, and laid the **foundation** on a **rock**: and when the **flood** arose, the stream **beat vehemently** upon that house, and could **not** shake it: for it was **founded** upon a **rock**.<sup>49</sup> But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that **without a foundation** built an house upon the **earth**; against which the stream did **beat vehemently**, and **immediately** it fell; and the ruin of that house was **great**.

Something went terribly wrong with *one* of these men’s house (life)! He did not survive. But make sure that (you) *yours do/does!!!*

**1). Rational Thinking Foundation-** This is when your best “thinking” guides you. This is how “you” see it. This is what “you” think is right. **This is the bible according to Shamika; this is I and II Veronica, III Piggee.**

A person with this foundation, when they encounter “tough times”, they always go with *their* best thinking. They will say, “Well this is how I see it!”

**Their motto: “If it seems right, do it!”**

a). **Proverbs 14:12-** There is a **way** which **seemeth** right unto a man, but the end thereof are the **ways** of death.

b). **Proverbs 3:5-6-** <sup>5</sup> Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and **lean not** unto thine **own** understanding. <sup>6</sup> In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall **direct** thy paths.

A person with a “rational thinking” foundation will say:

“I don’t think that me dating a married man is bad!”.

The pedophile will say: “I don’t think that for adults to have sex with children is wrong!”

**That’s why you must have a “rule book”.**

**\*\*\*\*\* DOCTRINAL POINT: You can control your choices. You cannot control the consequences.**

Adam and Eve found this out the hard way. Their “rational thinking” caused them to believe that everything would turn out okay. Covid-19 is shouting, “It did not”.

\*\*\*\*\* Do not believe that you (always) **reap** (exactly) what you **sow**. That’s only ½ of what the bible says:

**1). Hosea 8:7a-** For they have sown the **wind**, and they shall reap the **whirlwind**:

Sometimes you reap **more** than what you sow!

There are different categories and types of storms. They can easily move from the “**wind**” stage, to the “**whirlwind**” stage.

It’s possible to make a thunder storm **choice**, and experience a category 4 **consequence**:

**VARIOUS STORMS:** Rain shower, Thunder storm, Lightening storm, Hail storm, Ice storm, Heavy snow/blizzard, Tropical storm, Hurricane- Category 1- very dangerous, Category 2- extremely dangerous, Category 3- devastating, Categories 4 & 5- catastrophic.

If your foundation is built upon “rational thinking”; your best thinking; your house (life) will NOT survive this 2020 “serious season”.

Now let’s look at “inadequate foundation” # 2:

**2). Emotional Foundation-** Here truth is determined by how a person “feel”.

If the “rational thinkers” motto is: “If it **seems** right, do it”. The “emotional foundation” motto is: “If it **feels** right, do it”.

This is extremely important because the devil loves Christians who base their salvation, heaven, hell, and their biblical righteousness on “*how they feel*”. Why? Because he knows that feelings are unstable. That’s why you can find two people who “*fall in love*” on Monday, and “*fall out of love*” on Friday.

**POINT # 1-** Everything that “*feels good*” is not good.

**1). Proverbs 5:3-4-** <sup>3</sup> For the lips of a strange woman drop as an **honeycomb**, and her mouth is **smoother** than **oil**: <sup>4</sup> But her end is **bitter** as wormwood, **sharp** as a two-edged **sword**.

**POINT # 2-** Everything that “*feels bad*” is not bad.

**1). Proverbs 3:11-12-** <sup>11</sup> My son, despise **not** the **chastening** of the LORD; neither be weary of his correction: <sup>12</sup> For whom the LORD **loveth** he **correcteth**; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.

Your life cannot be based upon how you “*feel*”. A man may wake up and not “*feel*” like going to work. But, when he has a wife that he needs to provide for, and children to feed. Even if he “hates” his job, he will get up and go to work. A man woke up one morning and told his wife, “I no longer feel like we’re married”. She reached over on the night stand, pulled out the marriage certificate, and said, “Well we are”!!!

Since feeling change quite frequently, if by chance the foundation of your house (life) is based on “how you feel”, your life will certainly fall apart during difficult seasons.

**PROPER MOTTO: Walk by faith. Not by feelings.**

**PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS:**

A great deal of the time, our feelings will contradict the bible.

A). "I don't really *feel*" God's presence".

1). **Hebrews 13:5b**- ".....I will **never** leave thee, nor forsake thee.

B). "I don't *feel*" like God is even concerned about my little situation".

1). **Luke 12:7**- But even the **very hairs** of your head are all **numbered**.

Fear not therefore: ye are of more value than many sparrows.

C). "I don't *feel*" that even God can help me with this really bad situation that *I created* for myself!"

1). **Jeremiah 32:27**- Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh: is there **any thing too hard** for me?

\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No Can you clearly see that your decisions and approach to life cannot purely be based upon how you *feel*?"

Now let's look at "inadequate foundation" # 3:

**3). Various Opinions Foundations:** Here, a great amount of trust is placed upon what *others* may think, say, and believe.

You can interview ten separate people, and receive ten completely different opinions:

- a). The blue-collar worker has an opinion.
- b). Your direct boss may express his opinion.
- c). Your fraternity brother or sorority sister will have their opinion.
- d). The media outlets will publicize their opinions.
- e). The politicians in Washington, DC have two totally separate opinions.
- f). The grass-root Black Lives Matters organizers, peacefully protest their opinions.
- g). The Chief of the police department will in-turn give his opinion.
- h). Dr Anthony Fauci will clearly and succinctly give his expert opinion.
- i). President Trump will counter with his opinion.
- j). The white supremacist will also voice his opinion.

**BIBLICAL POINT:** Varying opinions do not determine morality. This has already been written and determined.

### **PEOPLE CAN BE SINCERE. AND BE SINCERELY WRONG!**

The foundation of your life cannot solely be determined by what *others* think; neither by what *you* may personally think.

Each and every morning that you get out of bed, **FOUR** voices will *immediately* began talking to you. Go ahead and choose which one you will listen to the majority of the time:

- 1). \_\_\_ **The voice of Satan.** He always began his whispering lies early in the mornings: “You can tell already that this is going to be a bad day!”
- 2). \_\_\_ **Your very own voice.** Sometimes it’s best for *you* not to listen to *you*.
- 3). \_\_\_ **The voices/opinions of other people.** “Gurl leave that man!!!”
- 4). \_\_\_ **The voice of God the Holy Spirit.** “As it is written”.

Now, let’s analyze “this” foundation that **Luke 6:48-49** speak about:

#### **4). The Only Sure Foundation:**

1). **I Corinthians 3:11-** For (no) other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is **Jesus Christ**.

2). **John 1;1;14- (vs.1)-** In the beginning was the **Word**, and the Word was with God, and the **Word was God. (vs.14)-** And the **Word** was made **flesh**, and **dwelt** among us, (and we **beheld** his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

Only 37% of people read their bibles once a week. Although 56% of them say that do believe the bible. We have seen people flock to the cinemas to watch so-called biblical movies such as Noah and Exodus: Gods and Kings, and cannot tell you if what they see on the screen is really in the bible.

**Jesus** and His **word**, the multiple **promises** that are found in the bible, is “this” foundation. Your foundation can not be your best thinking, your emotions/how you feel, or various other opinions. All of those would make a very weak foundation. God’s promises don’t change!!! Your feelings, your thinking, and the opinions of others change all of the time.

