

Building on the Right Foundation

(Answers from last week's bulletin)

Matthew 7:24-27

This text is from Jesus' Final Teaching in the Sermon on the Mount.

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

"The **rains** came down, the **streams** rose, and the **winds** blew and beat against the house, yet it did not **fall**, because it had its foundation on the rock." (7:25)

"But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice, is like a **foolish** person who builds their house on **sand**." (7:26)

"The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against the house, and it **fell with a great crash**." (7:27)

When the House Shakes!

Acts 4:23-31

Peter and John offended the chief priests and the elders for healing a lame beggar. They were brought before the Jewish Religious Leaders (the Sanhedrin). After being released, Peter and John returned to the place where the believers were gathered.

After Peter and John told the believers what had happened, what was the first thing they did? (4:24) _____

"You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father _____" (4:25)

"The _____ of the earth rise up and the _____ band together against the Lord and against his _____." (4:26)

"Indeed _____ and _____ met together with the _____ and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you _____." (4:27)

"They did what your _____ and _____ had decided beforehand should happen." (4:28)

"Now, Lord, consider their _____ and _____ your servants to speak your Word with great _____." (4:29)

"Stretch out your hand to _____ and perform _____ and _____ through the name of your holy servant Jesus." (4:30)

What happened next after they prayed? (4:31) _____

Welcome

to Faith Christian Church

*a church with open arms, loving hearts,
and a desire to bring glory to God*

March 22, 2020



*At Home
with Jesus!*

"Martha, Martha, you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed – or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her." Luke 10:41-42

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Meeting Times

Sunday Worship at 9:15am
BREAD following worship
Midweek Fellowship on Wednesdays
Meal served at 6pm, Service at 7pm

Welcome to Faith Christian Church!

Our Lord shared a special relationship with Mary, Martha, and their brother Lazarus. They lived in the village of Bethany just two miles east of Jerusalem. Bethany was the site of several events in Jesus' ministry. Our Lord raised Lazarus from the dead there (John 11). Jesus was anointed by Mary in the house of Simon the Leper in Bethany (Matthew 26). Our Lord spent at least one night in Bethany with Mary, Martha, and Lazarus during the final week before his crucifixion (Matthew 21).

Martha was known as the "doer!" She was always about the task of keeping the house in order and serving guests. Her busy lifestyle was filled with a never-ending "To-Do" list!

Mary on the other hand was the sister who was much more about being the moment. She was known as the "contemplator" or "thinker." Mary basked in the blessings of being with our Lord. She was, "At Home with Jesus."

In Luke 10 we learn about a visit Jesus made to Mary and Martha. Mary, being true to her nature, sat down at the Lord's feet to listen to what he said. Martha was "distracted," by all the things that needed to be done. In frustration, Martha said to Jesus, "Don't you care that my sister has left all the work to be done by myself? Tell her to help me." (Luke 10:40)

Jesus then defends Mary and said, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed – or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her." (Luke 10:41-42). There are lots of questions, but one thing is clear – Our God desires for us a place of rest – of refuge – a place where we can be at home with Jesus. (Example - following the example of Mary.)

Amid this Coronavirus outbreak in the United States and across the globe, many of us are finding time out of our daily routines. Isolated and confined mostly to our homes is awkward. I hope we can look at the story about Mary and Martha from the viewpoint of our Lord. As we lean into our Lord he will show us what to do, when to do it and how to do it so our God gets the glory. But even greater I am sure our God will remind us that he is working through all to draw us closer. We can be at home with Jesus!

Blessings and Love, Pastor Reid

SUNDAY SCHOOL!

**There are two adult classes meeting after worship today.
You are invited to come and be a part.**

All young people in 5th grade or younger are invited to Children's Church after the Children's Offering is collected.

Music Team Practice!



Today at 2pm in the Sanctuary



Suspended until further notice.

Worthy Thought

"All things work together for good, for those who love God and are called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28



Put your prayer concerns on the yellow prayer cards that are displayed and place them on the altar table. Each concern will be lifted up in our worship service today.

Herbert and Nancy Whitfield, Lib Porterfield, John Lewis (Wendy Howard's father), Larry Cobb, George Baer, Bobbie and Tommy Kelly, Michael Lassiter (Currie Lee's son), Kevin and Kim Rogers (Sonny and Kay), Richard Terrell, Rick Hall Family (Sandy Porterfield), Danielle Thompson and her family (2424 Drycreek Lane, Lot 15 Burlington NC 27217)
Ongoing Prayer Concerns are listed in our April Newsletter

daily bible readings

Monday - Jeremiah 46
Tuesday - Jeremiah 47
Wednesday - Jeremiah 48

Thursday - Jeremiah 49
Friday - Jeremiah 50
Saturday - Jeremiah 51

Order of Worship

Prelude Music

Jeff and Sandy Porterfield

Opening Songs of Worship

"There Shall Be Showers of Blessing"
"Redeemed"

Welcome and Opening Prayer

JC Central

Offerings and Prayers

Jeff and Sandy Porterfield

Musical Offering

"Amazing Grace My Chains are Gone"

Proclamation of the Word

Song of Celebration

"Sanctuary"

Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries, Blessing and Benediction