

Built to Last

JOHN REILLY | YOUR KINGDOM COME WEEK 13

What is a “kingdom”?

Mark 1:14-15 - What does it mean that God’s Kingdom is at hand?

God’s Kingdom is not defined by a plot of land. **God’s Kingdom is defined by good news.**

MATTHEW 7:24-27

- Jesus presents us with a choice.
- Two houses that look the same from the outside
- Foundations matter

Q. What is the foundation Jesus is referring to?

A. The Word of God

What does a stable foundation built on the Word of God look like?

MATTHEW 22:37-40

- Love God with our heart, soul, and mind.

We tend to build our lives off of **our heart, soul, and mind:**

- **Foundation of the heart:** *“My emotions decide my quality of life.”*
 - Our reactions tend to be overreactions.
 - Our discernments become our blind spot.
 - Our desires overpower our integrity.
 - *“Our emotions are meant to be gauges, not guides.”*
 - There’s something greater than us guiding our emotions. Submit our emotions to God.
- **Foundation of the soul:** *“I am the center of my universe.”*
 - Soul = psyche, who you are as a person
 - “I am a soul, and I have a body. We don’t learn about people by studying their bodies. We learn about people by finding out how they feel, what they think, what they’re passionate about, what their worldview is, and so

forth. So my conclusion is that there's more to me than my conscious life and my body." - J.P. Moreland

- Our soul is the deepest part of who we are. It is the thing that Jesus came to save.
 - We need to love Jesus with all of our soul, not set it up as a foundation that we live off of.
 - Perceived reality speaks louder than actual reality.
 - Instead of being secure, identity becomes fragile.
 - True fulfillment comes at the expense of empty pursuits.
 - Matthew 16:26
 - Recognize Jesus is the center of the universe.
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- **Foundation of the mind:** *"I know better than God."*
 - The knowledge of Google comes before the knowledge of God.
 - Our objections become comfortable dead ends.
 - We have become intellectually lazy.
 - God's Word calls us to renew our minds to Him and allow Him to transform us from the inside out.
 - Acknowledge that our intellect is limited, but God's knowledge is limitless. His ways are higher than ours.
 - Build our lives on the rock of His Word and His truth.

"Human history is the long terrible story of man trying to find something other than God which will make him happy." - C.S. Lewis

MATTHEW 6:9-13, ESV

Pray then like this:
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

