



January 11 –Standing on the Words

What did Jesus talk about? What did Jesus teach? Many of us think we know – yet often what we remember is Jesus was born, Jesus died, and Jesus rose again. Yet those life events – important as they are – are only a fraction of the story of Jesus we know. Join us as we begin a journey this weekend taking a look at some of the things Jesus actually said!

Scripture:

Psalm 46 NLT

God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble. ²So we will not fear when earthquakes come and the mountains crumble into the sea. ³Let the oceans roar and foam. Let the mountains tremble as the waters surge!

Interlude ⁴A river brings joy to the city of our God, the sacred home of the Most High. ⁵God dwells in that city; it cannot be destroyed. From the very break of day, God will protect it. ⁶The nations are in chaos, and their kingdoms crumble! God's voice thunders, and the earth melts! ⁷The Lord of Heaven's Armies is here among us; the God of Israel is our fortress.

Interlude ⁸Come, see the glorious works of the Lord: See how he brings destruction upon the world. ⁹He causes wars to end throughout the earth. He breaks the bow and snaps the spear; he burns the shields with fire. ¹⁰"Be still, and know that I am God! I will be honored by every nation. I will be honored throughout the world." ¹¹The Lord of Heaven's Armies is here among us; the God of Israel is our fortress.

Matthew 7: 24-29 NLT

²⁴"Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. ²⁵Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won't collapse because it is built on bedrock. ²⁶But anyone who hears my teaching and doesn't obey it is foolish, like a person who builds a house on sand. ²⁷When the rains and floods come and the winds beat against that house, it will collapse with a mighty crash." ²⁸When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, ²⁹for he taught with real authority—quite unlike their teachers of religious law.

Questions:

- What do you base your life on? What beliefs? What truths? What cultural norms? Not what do you want or wish to base your life on – but be honest – what are your day-to-day beliefs and habits based on?
- When you think about your daily life – how much of it is driven by what Jesus teaches?
- If you were to change one belief you live by and replace it with a teaching of Jesus – what would you change? How can you do this?

Reading for the Week:

Monday: 1 John 2:3-6

Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 4:6-7

Wednesday: Galatians 2:20

Thursday: Ephesians 3:17

Friday: Colossians 1:27