

In a Single Hour

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Day 1: The Danger of
Misplaced Trust

Reading:
Matthew 6:19-21

Everything we accumulate in this life will eventually end up in a landfill, forgotten and decayed. The sermon reminds us that the average American home contains 300,000 items, yet none of it follows us into eternity. God does not call us to poverty, but He does call us to honesty about where our hearts are anchored. When the world system collapses, those who built their lives around material wealth will mourn. Those who built their lives around Christ will stand firm. Today, examine what occupies the most space in your heart. Loosen your grip. Hold things loosely, as Corrie Ten Boom wisely counseled.

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Day 2: Come Out and
Be Separate

Reading:
2 Corinthians 6:14-18

The command in Revelation 18:4 is urgent and personal: come out of her, my people. God is not calling His people to geographic isolation but to spiritual separation from the values, priorities, and idolatries of a world system that has rejected Him. Every day we make small decisions that either move us closer to the world's way of thinking or closer to God's. The noise of culture is loud. The pull of comfort and status is real. But God's voice cuts through all of it with a clear invitation. He is not calling you away from people. He is calling you away from the systems that deceive them.

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Day 3: God Remembers
and God Judges

Reading:
Romans 12:17-21

One of the most sobering truths in Revelation 18 is that God has remembered her iniquities. Nothing is hidden from Him. No injustice goes unrecorded. For those who have suffered at the hands of corrupt systems, abusive powers, or wicked people, this is not a threat but a comfort. Vengeance belongs to the Lord, which means it does not belong to you. Your job is not to repay evil with evil but to trust that God's justice is perfect and His timing is certain. Release the weight of bitterness today. God sees what has been done. He has not forgotten you, and He will not forget them.

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Day 4: Sending Your
Treasure Ahead

Reading:
Luke 12:15-21

Randy Alcorn's insight, referenced in the sermon, is worth sitting with today: you cannot take it with you, but you can send it on ahead. Every investment made in the kingdom of God, whether through generosity, discipleship, service, or prayer, is treasure deposited where no moth can destroy it and no flood can wash it away. The rich fool in Luke 12 spent his life building bigger barns, never once considering eternity. His soul was required of him that very night. We are not promised tomorrow. The question is not how much you have. The question is what you are doing with what God has entrusted to you.

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Day 5: Building on
the Rock

Reading:
Matthew 7:24-27

A wadi looks like solid ground until the flood comes. People build their lives in wadis every day, resting their hope in careers, relationships, financial security, and personal achievement, never suspecting that a single hour could sweep it all away. Jesus did not offer a comfortable life. He offered a secure foundation. When the storms come, and they will come, the only thing that holds is a life built on His word, His character, and His promises. Today, do not simply admire the rock. Build on it. Obey what He has said. Trust what He has promised. Let everything else be held loosely in open hands.

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