
RE-CENTRED
Matthew 7:24-27
Gospel Living Everyday

WE ARE A GOD-LOVING, CHRIST-CENTERED, SPIRIT-FILLED, WORD-GROUNDED, DISCIPLE-MAKING CHURCH.

HOW DO WE ACTUALLY LIVE OUT THIS VISION

THEME 2026

GOSPEL LIVING EVERYDAY

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who is this message for


SLOW
SUBTLE
UNINTENTIONAL



HOW DO YOU KNOW YOU ARE OFF-CENTRED

24 “Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25 And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock.

Matthew 7:24-27 (ESV)

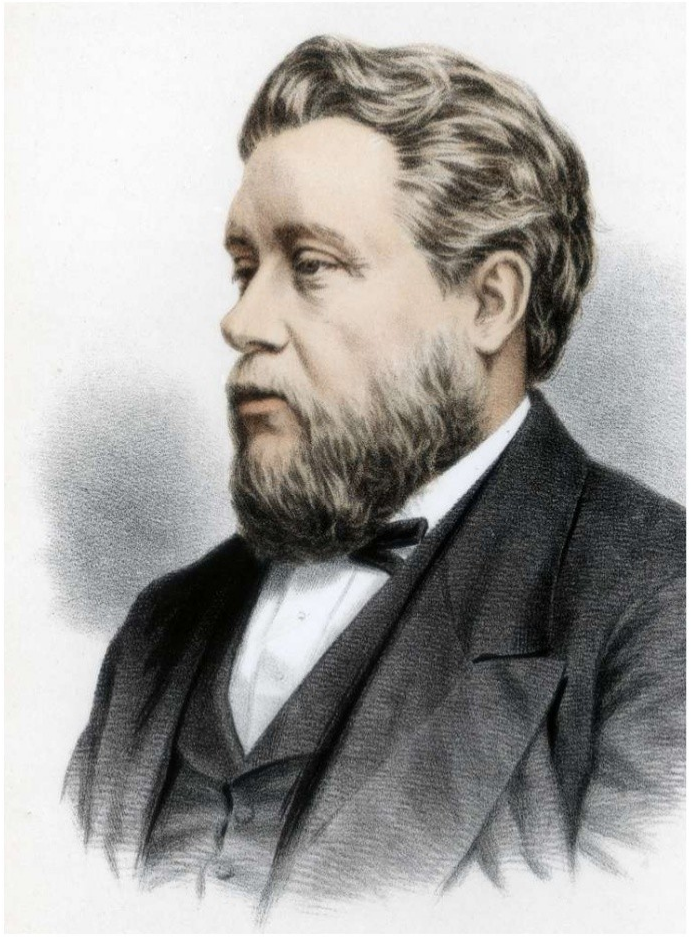
[26] AND EVERYONE WHO HEARS THESE WORDS OF MINE AND DOES NOT DO THEM WILL BE LIKE A FOOLISH MAN WHO BUILT HIS HOUSE ON THE SAND. [27] AND THE RAIN FELL, AND THE FLOODS CAME, AND THE WINDS BLEW AND BEAT AGAINST THAT HOUSE, AND IT FELL, AND GREAT WAS THE FALL OF IT."

MATTHEW 7:24-27 (ESV)

A LIFE CAN LOOK RIGHT ON THE OUTSIDE
BUT BE OFF-CENTRE ON THE INSIDE.

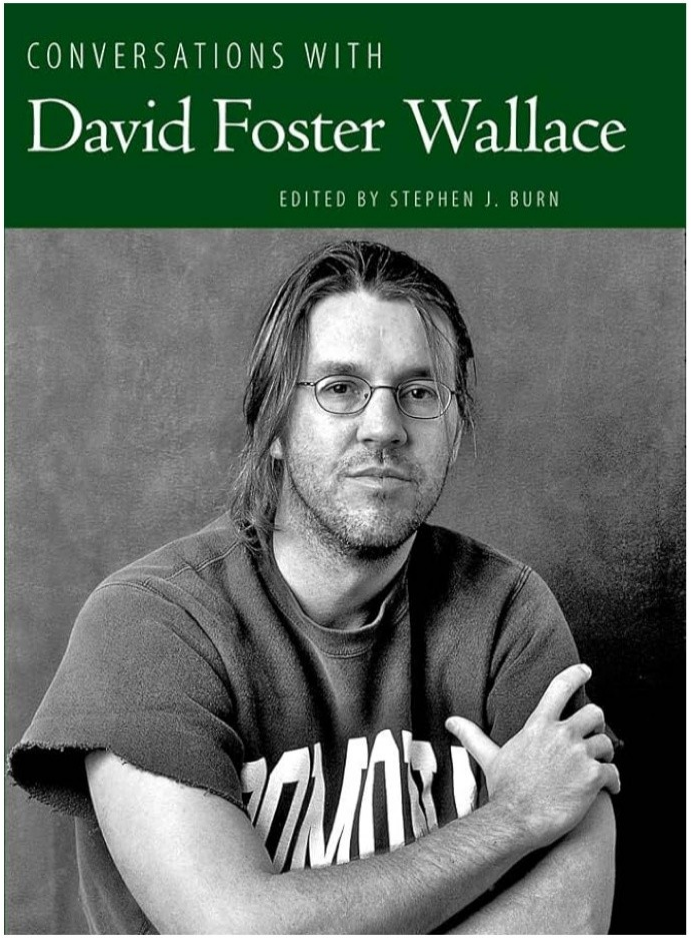
YOU DON'T ALWAYS NOTICE WHAT YOU'RE BUILDING ON...
UNTIL PRESSURE COMES


SOLID ROCK
SINKING SAND



"TRIALS TEACH US WHAT WE ARE; THEY DIG UP THE SOIL, AND LET US SEE WHAT WE ARE MADE OF."

Charles Spurgeon



"EVERYBODY WORSHIPS. THE ONLY CHOICE WE GET IS WHAT TO WORSHIP."

David Foster Wallace

IF YOU WORSHIP MONEY, YOU'LL NEVER HAVE ENOUGH

IF YOU WORSHIP YOUR BODY, YOU'LL ALWAYS FEEL UGLY

IF YOU WORSHIP POWER, YOU'LL FEEL WEAK AND AFRAID

WALLACE WASN'T PREACHING CHRISTIANITY

HE WAS OBSERVING HUMAN REALITY

OUR NATURAL (BUT FLAWED) APPROACH

Our Natural Approach

We try harder, fix ourselves, regain control, and adjust our behaviour.

The False Belief

'If I can just get my life together… I'll be okay.'

The Problem

That's like fixing a foundation by repainting the walls.

WE BEGIN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE WITH THE GOSPEL BUT THEN WE TRY TO CONTINUE IT IN OUR OWN STRENGTH

WHY OUR 'GOOD' CENTRES FALL SHORT

Understanding why common life centres cannot sustain us.



Achievement

“Am I doing well enough?”
“Am I successful enough?”
“Am I moving forward?”

They can support your life for a while… but they cannot carry the weight of your life. Sand looks solid… until the storm comes.

HOW THE GOSPEL RE-CENTRED CHRIST IN YOUR LIFE

Understanding why common life centres cannot sustain us.



Achievement

At the cross

Jesus accomplished everything that was needed for your salvation.

At the resurrection,

God declares that the work is finished and it is enough.

SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO PROVE YOURSELF ANYMORE

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Relationships

We begin to look to people to give us what we need most

“Am I loved?”

“Am I accepted?”

“Do I belong?”

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Relationships

At the cross,

Jesus was rejected—so that you could be accepted.

At the resurrection,

God declares that you belong to Him

SO YOUR IDENTITY IS NO LONGER BUILT ON THE APPROVAL OF PEOPLE

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Control

When life feels uncertain, we try to take control.

Plan more, manage more, do more....

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Control

At the cross,

Jesus entrusted Himself fully to the Father.

At the resurrection,

God shows that He is faithful, powerful, and in control.

SO YOU CAN TRUST THE ONE
WHO HOLDS YOUR LIFE

16 FOR I AM NOT ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL,
FOR IT IS THE POWER OF GOD FOR SALVATION
TO EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES...

ROMANS 1:16 (ESV)

WE DIDN'T WALK AWAY
WE DRIFTED

AT THE CROSS...

YOU DON'T HAVE TO PROVE YOURSELF.

AT THE RESURRECTION...

YOUR LIFE IS HELD IN HIM

COME BACK TO THE CENTRE

BUILD YOUR LIFE ON CHRIST AGAIN

THE GOSPEL IS NOT THE STARTING POINT—
IT IS THE CENTRE OF YOUR LIFE.